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CAPETOWN'S CREW SAVES 60 FROM SEA

FRENCH MASTER AND BABY GIRL AMONG RESCUED

Final Effort to Reach Nine Missing Chinese Made During Night

According to messages from Shanghai, H.M.S. Capetown has just carried out a brilliant and gallant rescue.

In a heavy sea, the crew of the Capetown struggled all day to save six Europeans and 54 Chinese aboard the French ship Yolande. The survivors include the master, Captain O. E. Bertin, and his five-year-old daughter. By last night all were saved but nine Chinese.

The Yolande went aground off Alceat Island, on the coast of the Shantung promontory, near Weihaiwei.

The Capetown, which was near Weihaiwei when a distress message was picked up, hastened to the scene, but saw no signs of life aboard when she arrived. Unable to approach the vessel with lifeboats because of the heavy seas, the Capetown sent a party ashore, who hoisted a breeches-buoy and succeeded in taking off all aboard, save nine Chinese, who are still unaccounted for.

Nevertheless a message from the British warship says that it is hoped to rescue these people during the night.

The Yolande, which was proceeding from Chingwangtao to Shanghai with 6,200 tons of coal, is at present stated to be breaking up rapidly.—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS

JAPANESE MECHANISED UNIT TRAPPED

Hsuechow, Mar. 8.
Trapped by the Chinese troops in the hills at Hsuechow, near Lini, on the right bank of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 500 men of a Japanese mechanised unit are reported to have been practically wiped out.

Fourteen armoured cars, three field pieces, 700 rifles, and a large quantity of ammunition were seized whilst three other armoured cars were destroyed.

Another Japanese column was ambushed at Khekou on the Yi River in east Shantung, suffering some 200 casualties.

The total Japanese casualties in east Shantung during the past few days were estimated by military quarters at about 3,000, whilst the Chinese losses were admitted to be also heavy.

The centre of fighting is at Lini and Jihchao, which is on the Shantung coast. Heavy Chinese reinforcements have been despatched to Lini, where bitter engagements are expected to break out momentarily.

Yesterday a squadron of Japanese planes subjected the Chinese positions at Lini to a severe bombing, but not much damage was inflicted to the Chinese defence works.

At Jihchao the main body of enemy troops is composed of irregulars under the command of Chang Chung-pu, brother of the late Shantung warlord, General Chang Chung-chang.—*Central News.*

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

U.S. Claims To Islands Hide No War Plan

Washington, Mar. 8.
President Franklin Roosevelt, through his press secretary, today announced that the sole reason for claiming sovereignty over the Canton and Enderbury Islands was to facilitate the development of commercial aviation, and that it had nothing to do with war plans.

He added that the final claims must await negotiations with other claimants.—*Reuter.*

London, Mar. 8.
Regarding the question of sovereignty of the Canton and Enderbury Islands for which conversations are in progress, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says that if the main question involved should transpire to be one affecting air routes, a settlement could, presumably, be reached under which both Britain and the United States could have the facilities they desired for air purposes in the islands.—*Reuter.*

VON CRAMM ARRESTED IN BERLIN

Sensational End To
Tennis Tour
Around World

A sensation has been created in international tennis and sports circles, by the announcement contained in a Reuter report, that Baron Gottfried von Cramm, famous German Davis Cup tennis player, and an exponent of the game with an enviable international reputation, has been arrested by the police in Berlin.

It is semi-officially stated that he is detained on suspicion of moral delinquency.

Von Cramm, together with Henner Henkel, recently returned to Germany from Australia where both had been playing in tennis tournaments after a world tour which included a visit to Hongkong.

Von Cramm and Henkel played with great success in the triangular test matches against Australia and United States, but they were less prominent in the championship events. While in Hongkong the two players, together with Fraulein Marie Horn, gave a brilliant exhibition of tennis, the singles between von Cramm and Henkel being regarded as the finest ever seen on local courts.

Only Arms Can Keep Britain Out Of War

45 DIED IN THESE FLAMES



Flames swept through the old College of the Sacred Heart at Ste. Hyacinthe, near Montreal, recently. Seventeen young students' bodies had been removed from the wreckage when this photograph was taken; 28 other boys and lay brothers were missing. Survivors leaped from windows in their pyjamas, into a night ten degrees below zero.

PLANES ATTACK PAKHOI

Machine-Gunned
And Bombed
Streets

Delayed messages have been received from private sources by the Hongkong Telegraph telling of a furious attack by Japanese air-craft on Pakhoi some days ago.

Since this is the first intimation of any raid at this port in many weeks, and since Pakhoi has been beyond the war area during most of the period of hostilities, Hongkong authorities were most surprised to learn of the bombing.

The source of the report is unimpeachable, however, and although the information coming from the southern port is very limited, it indicates that the raid was a severe one.

Japanese planes appeared on March 3, it is stated, and flew low over the city, firing into the streets with their machine-guns. They also dropped a number of bombs. It is inevitable, from the information available, that casualties were numerous.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS SOON

Rome, Mar. 8.
Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, and Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, will start Anglo-Italian negotiations after Colonel Josef Beck, Polish politician, has departed.

It is officially stated that there will be a preliminary meeting to-morrow night.—*United Press.*

CALIFORNIA ASKS FOR HELP

Sacramento, Mar. 8.
Appealing to President Roosevelt for aid, the Governor of the California State has announced that public and private losses owing to the floods total more than US\$42,000,000.

He adds that California is facing relief construction problems reaching the proportions of a major disaster.—*United Press.*

ON TRIAL FOR LIFE, RUSSIAN DENIES PLOT TO KILL LENIN

Moscow, Mar. 8.

In the course of cross-examination during to-day's hearing of the new treason trial, M. Bukharin declared that the Trotskyite plotters had prepared to conclude a military alliance with Germany on the basis that they would surrender certain Soviet territory to Germany, and would rupture pacts of mutual alliance between the Soviet, France and Czecho-Slovakia.

M. Bukharin's self-defence continued to dominate the evening session. Although he admitted general responsibility on all counts of the indictment, he persistently denied that he plotted to kill Lenin, worked for a foreign intelligence service, or ordered members of his organisation to organise peasant insurrections.

M. Andrew Vynshinsky, Attorney-General, announced that a committee of medical experts would be called to testify that M. Maxim Gorky, M. Menzhinsky, former chief of the OGPU, and M. Kulbyshov, were poisoned by the three physician defendants under the instructions of members of the Bukharin bloc.

Madame Yakovleva, former Finance Commissar of Russia proper, and, until her recent arrest, the only woman member of the Government, alleged that Bukharin in 1918 plotted to overthrow the Soviet and to kill Lenin, Stalin and Sverdlov.

M. Bukharin admitted that the 1918 plot embraced the arrest of these three men, but denied he intended to kill them. He said that Trotsky initiated the plan.—*Reuter.*

HAILE SELASSIE MAY RULE AGAIN IN ETHIOPIA

London, March 8.
Haile Selassie, former Ethiopian Emperor, denied that he was prepared to discuss any agreement incompatible with his Abyssinian sovereignty.

The rumour was aroused by newspaper reports of his recent visit to Lord Halifax at the Foreign Office. It is reported that he will be reinstated to rule a small part of Abyssinia with the support of Italy.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN PROTESTS OVER CODE CABLE BAN

Peiping's Orders
To Chefoo

London, Mar. 8.
The British Consul at Chefoo has reported that the Chinese telegraph office, under instructions from the Peiping Provisional Government, is refusing to accept code telegrams. This was revealed by Mr. R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour in reply to a question put by Commander A. Marsden (Cons).

He added that a protest had been lodged and arrangements made for British commercial messages to be passed temporarily through other channels.

Mr. Butler, replying to another question said there had been no change in the British Government's friendly policy in China. The League Council's recent resolution in favour of all available help being accorded by League members to China was being considered, but he was not at present in a position to make a statement.—*Reuter.*

CHAMBERLAIN WARNS COUNTRY TO PREPARE TO SPEND VAST SUMS

Prime Minister Defines Four Aspects Of Nation's Defence Aims

London, Mar. 8.

Opening the full debate on the defence estimates to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, told the House of Commons that Britain must spend on re-armament "until it hurts." War was the only alternative.

Mr. Chamberlain moved a resolution approving the estimates, and said he was convinced the country felt that the defence programme must be fulfilled. "It is significant of the state of international relations that for four successive years we have been discussing these subjects, with their figures of such magnitude," observed the Premier.

He said economic staying power was the key to winning a war. "Wars are won not only by men and arms; but it is necessary also to have reserves of resources and credit. Unless a nation knocks out its opponent with a sudden blow—and recent experience is not encouraging to this hope—the strong people might hesitate to risk war. The country which has staying power might indefinitely prolong resistance."

Referring to the air estimates, the Prime Minister said it was necessary to consider all the elements, of which the air force was only one. "An attempt to examine our power simply by reference to the first line strength is a delusion and a snare. The Government is satisfied that we are making the best use of our resources."

Mr. Chamberlain added that first efforts must be directed for the protection of the country; secondly, protection of trade routes; thirdly, protection of British territories overseas, and fourthly co-operation in the defence of the territories of British allies.—*United Press.*

The Labour Opposition amendment to the Defence estimates was defeated by 351 votes to 184. The Premier's motion approving the Government's estimates was carried.

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Seven Die In French Air Crash

New Delhi, Mar. 8.
A French aeroplane, flying between Paris and Indo-China, crashed shortly after leaving Allahabad to-day and was destroyed in flames. All aboard, including a crew of four and three passengers, were killed.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

JAPANESE HARD PRESSED

Honan Lines Cut
By Chinese

Heavy Losses
Inflicted

Chengchow, Mar. 8.
Surrounded and constantly harassed by an overwhelming number of Chinese "Red Spears," guerrillas and regular troops, the Japanese remaining at various points along the Taokou-Ching-hua Railway, in north Honan, are reported to be panicky.

The recapture of Singhsien, Wel-hwei, Taoku, Fo Ai, Tsinhsien and Hwahsien severed the contact between the various Japanese units on the line.

Japanese military supplies near Singhsien, it is said, are being transported back to Changchun, their base of operations in north Honan, by the Peiping-Hankow Railway, for fear of their being seized by the Chinese.

Fighting is in progress at Chiao-to, the mining town, and Hochia, a town east.—*Central News.*

HEAVY LOSSES

Sian, Mar. 8.
Indicating the heavy casualties sustained by the Japanese troops during the present southward drive in Shansi, 4,000 bodies of soldiers killed in action have been transported to Taiyuan from the front.—*Central News.*

PUCHOW'S CAPTURE CLAIMED
Peiping, Mar. 8.
The capture of Puchow in the south-west corner of Shansi, and the capture of the Puchow station.—*United Press.*

LEFTIST BOOKS BAN IN JAPAN

Authorities Take
Drastic Action

Tokyo, Mar. 8.
The latest step in the Japanese campaign for national and spiritual mobilisation has been the suppression of all Leftist ideas and books. Many publications written years ago by prominent Japanese scholars are now branded as Leftist and have been removed from circulation.

As a result, the proscribed books are fetching prices several times as high as previously, and secondhand dealers are doing a great trade.

Whether the demand is due to curiosity or the desire to read what is prohibited, is not known.—*Reuter.*

Empress Liner Brings British Naval Men To Hongkong

Vancouver, Mar. 8.
The Empress of Japan left to-day carrying 22 British seamen and petty officers for Hongkong, to assume duties on the China station.—*United Press.*

MUSSOLINI IS BLUFFING IN LIBYA

Italian Troops There Are Half-Drilled Recruits Sent To Africa "On Vacation"

From A Correspondent

Mrs. Sidney Webb At 80
Is "Auntie" To 170

"ONE hundred and seventy nephews and nieces are a bit too much of a family gathering," said Mrs. Sidney Webb, the writer on social problems, and so she celebrated her 80th birthday quietly at her Liphook home recently. "Please don't call me Lady Passfield," she asked. "That is my husband's title, but I prefer to be known as Mrs. Sidney Webb. "My husband and I are staying quietly at home for my birthday. I mustn't have too much excitement! "Besides—think of 170 nephews and nieces under one roof! There are three generations of us now, and I have seven sisters, all married."

Wonder Paris Air Raid "Lab"

Vienna.

WHEN Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Under-Secretary, Home Office, flies back to England next Thursday, after an inspection of air-raid precautions in Berlin and Paris, he will, I understand, emphasise the greater efficiency of the German system over the British or French, says a correspondent.

To-day he had a talk with the French Air Minister, M. Lyautey, and descended into an underground laboratory in Paris designed by Professor Kling, of the Paris Municipal Police.

The laboratory is the G.H.Q. of passive defence in the city, and is the most up-to-date establishment of its kind in Europe.

It is buried 56ft. in the ground, and the roof has concrete above it and all round it, 4ft. thick to withstand the most terrific aerial bombardment.

The object is that in the event of a gas attack on Paris the laboratory could continue to function and serve as a "nerve centre."

Ventilation is effected electrically, and in the event of the ordinary supply being cut off there are generators worked by Diesel engines. There is also an apparatus resembling two bicycles with pedals. Men can

sit on the seats and by pedalling work the ventilation system direct.

GAS DETECTOR

Each of the three exits to the laboratory is barred by a film steel door.

Mr. Lloyd was particularly interested in an instrument which gauges the amount of poison gas in the air and causes a bell to ring a warning.

This mechanism can be carried about in a box. One of Professor Kling's pupils invented it two months ago, and it has been accepted by the War Office.

Mr. Lloyd was impressed by the evidence in Berlin that Germany is more "air-raid conscious" than the other countries.

The Berlin shelters house many more people than those in Paris, and France has no special Government department devoted to air-raid precautions. Both Great Britain and Germany have.

HERE are the facts about Signor Mussolini's greatest bluff on the Mediterranean since the Abyssinian war. His powerful war-machine in Libya, the Italian colony bordering Egypt from the West, the perpetual potential threat to British interests, is merely a myth.



The famous St. Bernard hospice in the Swiss Alps was recently isolated from the world by an avalanche. The picture shows two monks from the hospice with their dogs.

According to official stories two army corps, or 40,000 to 50,000 troops, are stationed there. The troops are said to be well equipped, well trained, strengthened by motorised formations and a powerful air force.

The garrison is being constantly increased despite the fact that Italy does not need such a huge army in Libya except as a military reservoir to provide troops for operations on a large scale.

Shipments of new troops are officially admitted by Rome, where nobody seems to bother about keeping these troop-movements secret, but there is a definite reason why these secrets are open to the whole world.

The Place

Libya, Italian colony taken from the Turks in 1912, is a barren land sandwiched between Egypt and French colonial Africa. It has a native population of 522,014, nearly all Moslems.

Mussolini has spending millions of pounds there building strategic roads and railways to the frontiers. Tripoli, the capital, is a growing city of 95,000 people, and has a daily air service to Rome.

It is to create the impression of Italy's power while there is none.

This is the position:—

Italy's army in Libya consists of only about 25,000 troops. They are neither well drilled nor well equipped, and not prepared for warfare in East Africa.

They are merely sent down for a "vacation."

They are mostly young recruits of the 1916 and 1917 classes.

They are constantly being shipped there and back.

There is barely space for them in the narrow stretches of land in the barren country where they are stationed along the new strategic automobile road.

PLAYING CARDS

Barracks are being built, but construction proceeds so slowly that it will be years before the soldiers find suitable quarters.

Troops are compelled to live in old tents, left over from the Abyssinian campaign, and quite a few of these shabby tent-cities are erected on grounds not fitted for that purpose.

Here the young soldiers fill their time playing cards, having a nap or singing Italian songs while their neglected rifles lie around covered with desert dust.

There is never drill or exercise. Officers are mostly as young and inexperienced.

Soldiers and officers are on a much lower scale of military training than the French Foreign Legion, their neighbours in the West.

There is no discipline in the tent-cities. Nobody seems to care. Everybody is left to himself to fill the days of leisure.

Most of the "dirty work" of pacifying tribes and policing the vast empty regions is being done by efficient black colonial troops numbering six battalions.

The 25,000 troops enjoy an idle life in camps waiting for orders to be replaced and go home.

This is done approximately every three months.

How did Mussolini fool the world? It was done simply by revealing untrue secrets and keeping the true ones.

When war transports leave from Naples or any other Italian port for Libya, the greatest publicity is attached to their departure.

Newspapers carry the news and everybody is permitted to watch the departure. Military bands are at the pier to give them a send-off.

NO ONE KNOWS

But seldom is there a line in the papers on those who return from Libya. Often news about their arrival home reaches the public long after the troops have left their ship.

More often this news never reaches the public at all.

Transports arrive at night unnoticed by anybody and the debarkation is kept strictly secret. There is no sign of the soldiers at the port when morning dawns.

News may be allowed to leak out shortly about more new shipments and the increase of the army in Libya from two army corps to three. This won't be anything more than the continuation of the same game.

A foreign visitor to famous Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, gave me all these startling facts.

During a recent visit, after coming down to Tripoli by air, he was shown too much and left alone for a period a little too long.

Jim And Amy Meet

—First Time For Year

Jim and Amy Mollison, still legally man and wife (divorce suit pending), have met for the first time for twelve months—to hear that the income-tax authorities had waived their claims on £4,200 given to the Mollisons in air prizes.

The contention of Jim and Amy—which was upheld—was that the money represented private gifts and was therefore not liable for tax, says a Correspondent.

Recently Jim, just back from a Swiss holiday, where he has also been training for a new Australian record flight, said to me: "The income tax commissioners say now that they have decided this money is not assessable for tax."

"This ruling affects hundreds of sportsmen, besides flyers. For instance, it affects motor racers and cyclists who get money prizes for racing."

Connie "Sits Pretty"

"You are not here as a film star, but only another common or garden witness. Just sit still and look beautiful."

So said Judge Burnell to Miss Constance Bennett when she appeared in the Los Angeles courts to press her claim against the Gaumont-British Picture Corporation.

"I'll try," said Constance, in reply to the judge's advice. And thereafter she sat demurely silent, but lovely, in a milk coat and a veil half-shading her face.

\$13,000 CLAIM

She is claiming £13,000 for alleged breach of contract in connection with a contract with Gaumont-British in 1935 to make two films in England, "Everything is Thunder" and "The Hawk."

Miss Bennett said she was to receive £11,000 for each picture, with a percentage on the gross taking in the United States.

"All I got," she said, "was £7,000 for 'Everything is Thunder.' I didn't mind the loss on that picture, but I feel entitled to the £13,000 which I would have received if 'The Hawk' had been filmed."

Gaumont-British replied that Miss Bennett went to work for Twentieth Century-Fox in Hollywood, and argued that they and not Miss Bennett were the injured party. The hearing was adjourned.

The Man Who Can Think in Code

London.

In a small office near the Bank of England I talked yesterday to Britain's greatest code maker, says a Correspondent.

He can compress a 15 to 20-word sentence involving intricate details of a large industrial order into one word of five letters, thus saving firms thousands of pounds a year in cable charges.

The man is Mr. Charles Sunderland, 47-year-old Yorkshire-born statistician. Some of his codes, consisting of nearly half a million words, take ten or twelve months to prepare, and cost, including printing of the code books, between £10,000 and £20,000.

16 HOURS A DAY

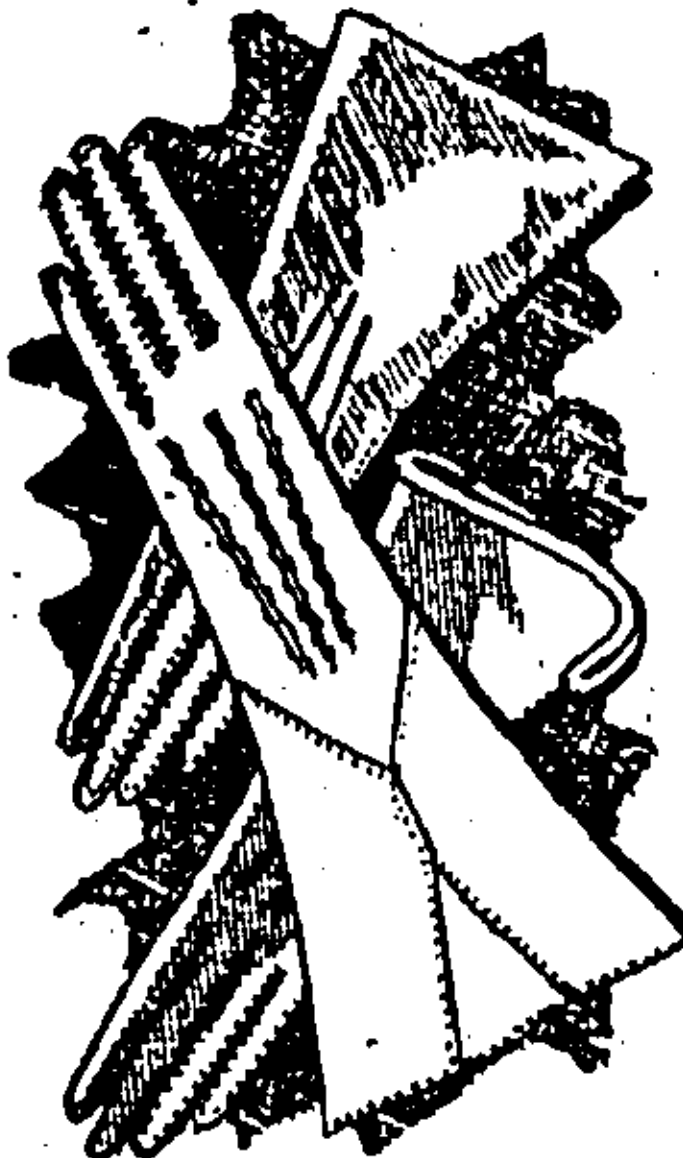
"I almost think in code now-a-days," Mr. Sunderland told me. "I spend months translating, tabulating, and compiling, working 16 hours a day. Once upon a time I enjoyed being a code maker, but I interest in it has faded."

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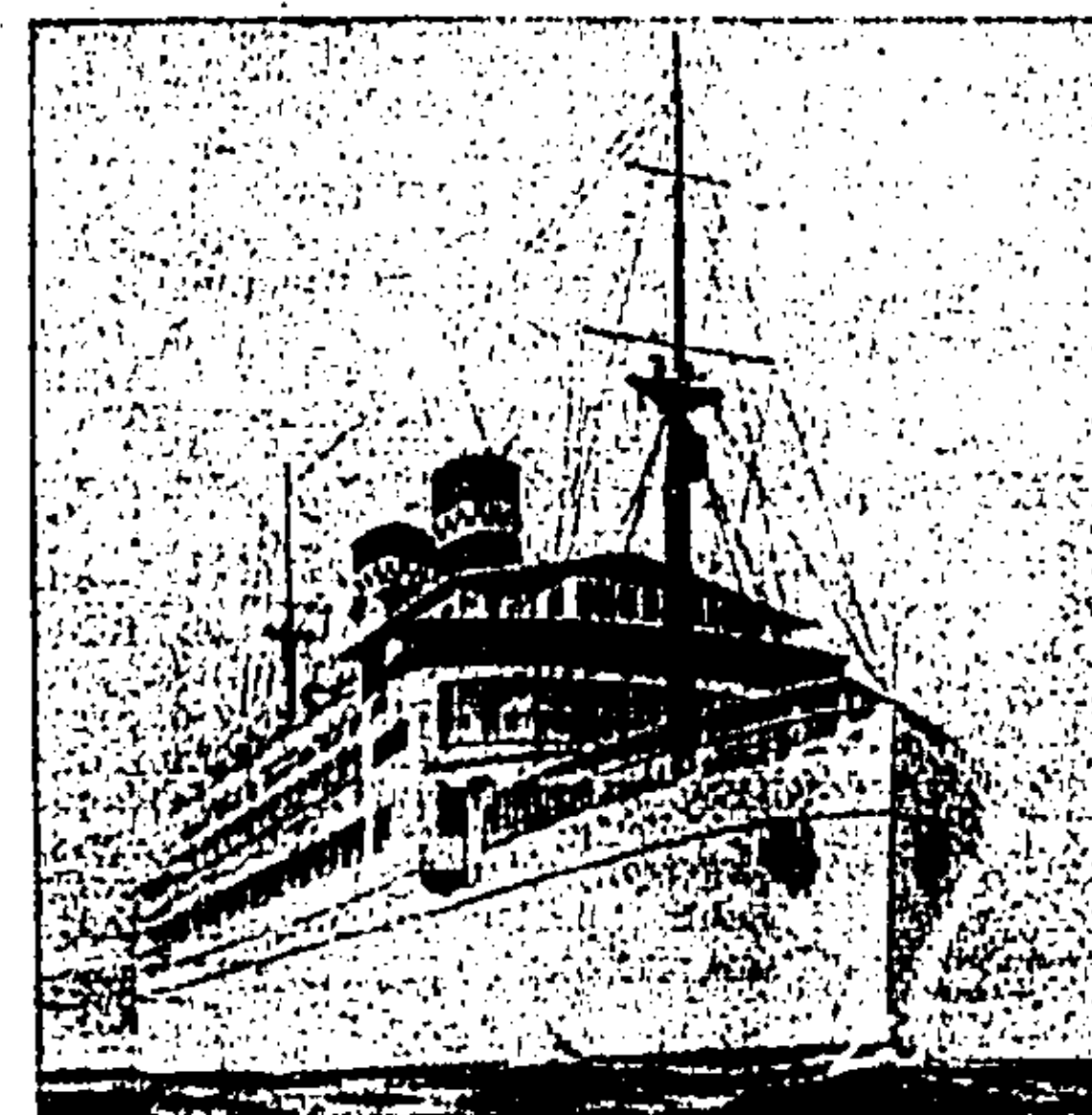


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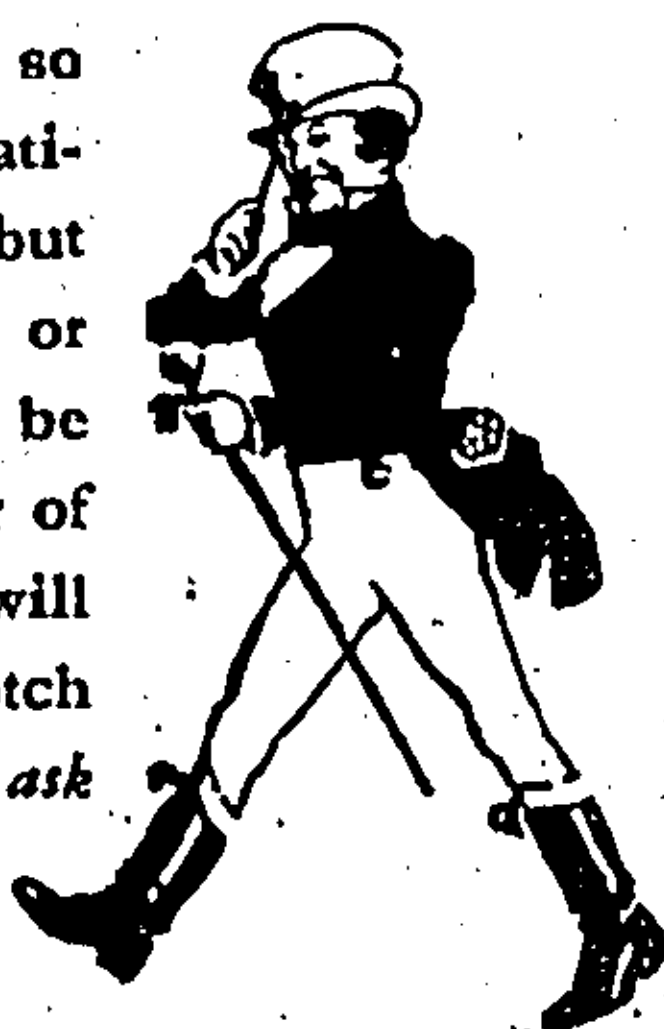
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MACAO DEFEATED
Rajputana Rifles Record
Fine Hockey Victory

Macao, Mar. 6.
A very evenly-contested hockey match between the team of the Rajputana Rifles and the Macao eleven was witnessed here this afternoon by a large crowd. The visiting team won by two goals to nil.

Play was extremely fast from the outset, a raid upon the home goal being made within the first minute. Rosario, at back, was particularly accurate in his timing.

Both teams were in fine form, and the home forwards managed to keep the ball most of the time in enemy territory. On several occasions, tactical manoeuvres enabled Ramalho, Lyle and Nolasco, working in close combination, to break through only to be repelled.

On the visitors' side, the half back line was prominent in serving the flanks, but the clever of the Hongkong forwards were skillfully countered by the wary defence of the opposition. The interval arrived with no score.

Upon resumption, Macao reshuffled several positions, Rosario going forward, Ferreira from inside-left to half-back, and Alex Airoso to back. There was dashing play and both teams made every possible attempt to score. Ramalho and Nolasco were frequently dangerous, while Costa, left-back, worked like a Trojan in smart distribution.

It seemed all along that umpiring was far too over-emphasised, the whistle sounding at every other step of the way. Many clever movements were completely destroyed purely as a result of the umpire's whistle at the slightest pretext, and the local forwards were occasionally placed at a disadvantage in consequence.

After 20 minutes had elapsed, the score was opened by the visitors following a short corner. The second goal was scored in the same way five minutes later, goals in both cases being registered by Datta Ran, the Rajputana's right-back.

Most of the credit on the visitors' side goes to the stalwart half back line. Gulam Rasul at pivot cleared smartly, while Lt. Neel distributed with much precision. The forwards, with Pritain Nath at centre, were tricky and amazingly speedy, but at no time could it be said that the local side was outwitted or outclassed.

Rajputana Rifles—Behari Singh; Datta Ran, Giddu Ran, Lieut. Neel, Gulam Rasul, Sher Khan; Shah Wali, Naraina Ran, Lt. Pritain Nath, N. Ahmad, Gopal Raih.

Macao Hockey Club—Almada; Rosario, Lammert; Albert Airoso, Alex Airoso, Nolasco, Lyle, Ramalho, Ferreira, Angelo.

It is learned that the Army team from Hongkong will be playing in Macao next Sunday.—Our Own Correspondent.

CLUB TEAM CHOSEN

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club against a representative Scottish side on the Club ground on Wednesday at 5 p.m.—V. M. Benwell; J. E. Potter, E. V. Reed, G. Sommer, W. A. Reed, N. B. Whitley, S. Fowle, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Bickford, V. Bond.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Ninth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 1st APRIL, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 12th APRIL, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. C. T. BECK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

THE HONGKONG FIRE
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Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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"MARECHAL JOFFRE"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Port-au-Prince, arrived Hongkong on Monday, 7th March, 1938.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 17th March, 1938, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 12th March, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,

Agent.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

APPROVE CONTROL OF
RUBBER PRODUCTION

The council of the Rubber Growers' Association unanimously approved of the provisional text recommended by the International Rubber Regulation Committee of the inter-governmental agreement to regulate the production and export of rubber.—Reuter.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1937.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th MARCH, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1938.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March, 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &

CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1938.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON
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CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 11th March, 1938, AT 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March, 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1938.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of March, 1938, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1937, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,

Secretary.

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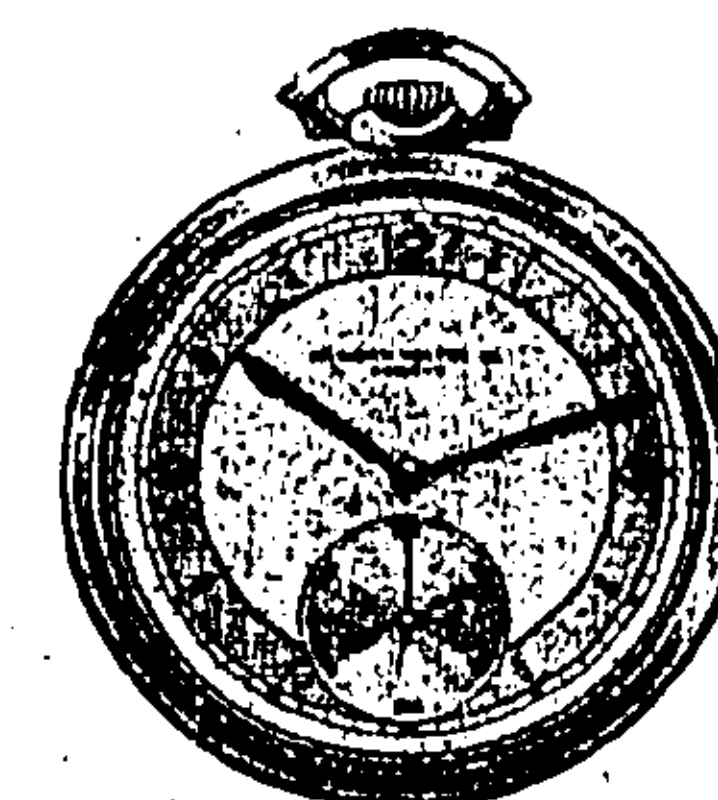
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BRITAIN OUT OF WAR

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ernment's defence policy was carried by 347 to 133.—Reuter.

Elaborates Policy

London, Mar. 7.
An elaboration of the policy behind the defence White Paper of March 2 was given in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister to-day, when he asked the House to approve the statement. Mr. Chamberlain thought it significant that generally speaking, throughout the country, there was a conviction that the course embarked upon when re-armament began was unavoidable.

He declared that the original object of Sir Thomas Inskip's appointment as Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence had been achieved. Never had planning for strategic purposes been brought to the same complete scale as at present.

Dealing with the requests whether the British first line of strength would provide parity with any European air force within striking distance, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I am forced inevitably to the conclusion that first line strength depends on other factors, such as reserves of equipment, raw materials, anti-aircraft defences, the personnel morale, quality of aircraft and the fact that with aircraft you cannot set one aeroplane against another as with ships."

"Snare And Delusion"

"To attempt to measure air power and air strength by the first line of defence is a snare and delusion. We must look at defence problems as a whole and from the wider aspect, and to take the aggregate value of resources."

Dealing with the question: "What is the policy for which these programmes are designed?", the Prime Minister said: "The corner-stone of our defence policy must be security for the United Kingdom. That was the first main effort. They must also have as a second objective the preservation of trade routes on which Britain depends for her food and raw materials. The third objective was defence of British territories from the sea, land and air. Britain's need to maintain garrisons and overseas naval bases in various parts of the world meant that in wartime there would immediately be substantial demands for reinforcements at strategic points."

"But they are not so vital as the defence of our country, because, so long as we are undefeated at home, even if we sustain a loss overseas, we may have an opportunity of making good afterwards."

Fourth Objective

"The fourth objective must be co-operation in the defence of allied territories. These objectives have been before us in the preparation of the Service programmes."

Coming to the question of cost, Mr. Chamberlain said: "One thing we can say is that the £1,500,000,000 previously contemplated is insufficient. It is too soon to say what figure must be substituted, but I am afraid the House must expect a substantial advance."

Proceeding to refer to their efforts for appeasement, the Premier said: "It ought to be known that our desire for peace does not signify willingness to purchase peace to-day at the price of peace for the future. Nor can we forget our moral responsibility to our people or humanity in general. We cannot divest ourselves of an interest in world peace."

In another passage Mr. Chamberlain claimed to be a better friend of the League of Nations than some of those who spoke for it. "The League to-day is mutilated. It is halt and lame," he said.

Referring to the Opposition criticism of the armaments programme, the Premier said: "The slight of this enormous, almost terrifying power which Britain is building up has a sobering and steady effect on world opinion."—Reuter.

JAPANESE HARD
PRESSED

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terminus of the Talyuan-Puchow railway, is claimed in official despatches, which state that Japanese troops entered yesterday afternoon. This gives the Japanese possession of the entire railway, but large areas on either side are still in Chinese hands, and it is expected they will need considerable time and many men to "clean up."

Hochu, on the Yellow River in north-west Shanai, it is claimed, was captured yesterday by the Kwangtung Army in operations from Taitung, and Japanese artillery continues to pound the Chinese positions on the Lunghai railway from positions north of the Yellow River. The Kwangtung and Szechui stations have suffered severely.

No Japanese attempt to cross the river in Honan has yet been made, but their artillery also bombarded all Chinese concentrations and boats on the river to prevent attempts to re-cross the river to attack, while the majority of Japanese forces are engaged in Shanai.

The train service on the Peking-Hankow railway line has again been disrupted by guerrilla troops who are now fighting the Japanese forces north of Chuchow. The last down-train which left two days ago, was attacked north of Taitung, when two Japanese passengers were killed. Travellers returning by road declare that large sections of the railway south of Shihchichang have been destroyed by guerrilla troops.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE.

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Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Straits	Cremer	March 8.
Shanghai	Ixion	March 8.
Japan	Kamsang	March 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Mainsang	March 8.
Australia and Manila	Shantung	March 8.
Amoy and Shanghai	Taipei	March 8.
Shanghai	Tientsin	March 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Hector	March 9.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila	Kanchow	March 9.
Seattle date, 12th February.	President Jackson	March 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	March 10.
Vancouver B.C., date 19th Feb.	Kalgan	March 10.
Bangkok and Swatow	Scharrhorst	March 10.
Straits and Manila	Talma	March 10.
Shanghai and Swatow	Chickang	March 11.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 10th February.	Haruna Maru	March 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane" Direct Service—London date, 3rd March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 11.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Fort Bayard and Halphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	Tues, Mar. 8, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Chengtu	Tues, Mar. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Haitan	Tues, Mar. 8, 3 p.m.
Shanghai	Delke Rickmers	Tues, Mar. 8, 5 p.m.

Wednesday

Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Wed, Mar. 9, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed, Mar. 9, 10 a.m.
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tientsin	Wed, Mar. 9, 11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kwelin, C.N.A.C. Plane	K. P. O.	Wed, Mar. 9, 11.30 a.m.
Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Ser."	Reg.	Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
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	Reg.	Mar. 10, 6 a.m.

Thursday

Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs, Mar. 10, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kweiyang	Thurs, Mar. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Taiyuan	Thurs, Mar. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Thurs, Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kamsang	Thurs, Mar. 10, 11 a.m.
	Parcels	Mar. 10, 11 a.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 10, Noon.
Halphong	Canton	Thurs, Mar. 10, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Takung	Thurs, Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Thurs, Mar. 10, 4.30 p.m.

Friday

Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Fri, Mar. 11, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Klungchow	Fri, Mar. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Yunnan	Fri, Mar. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Fri, Mar. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and President Jackson	Parcels	Fri, Mar. 11, Noon.
South America and Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C.	Reg.	Mar. 11, 1.45 p.m.
31st March.	Ord.	Mar. 11, 2.30 p.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	Haruna Maru	Fri, Mar. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Ser."	Suwa Maru	Fri, Mar. 11, 4.30 p.m.
vice—due Amsterdam, 22nd Mar.	Reg.	Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Suwa	Reg.	Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, April 9.	Reg.	Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Fri, Mar. 11, 5.30 p.m.
Parcels	Ord.	Mar. 11, 5.30 p.m.

Saturday

Dairen, Japan and Canada—due Victoria B.C., 12th April	Ixion	Sat, Mar. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Cremer	Sat, Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Fochow and Tientsin	Shantung	Sun, Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhol and Halphong	Knying	Sun, Mar. 13, 9 a.m.

Monday

Manila	Emp. of Britain Mon., Mar. 14, 3 p.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane Direct Service"—due London 23rd March	Tues. Mar. 15, 9 a.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. Mar. 15, 8 a.
	Ord. Mar. 15, 9 a.
Airmail for Australia by the Imperial Airways Plane "Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin 19th March	Tues. Mar. 15, 9 a.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. Mar. 15, 8 a.
	Ord. Mar. 15, 9 a.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Taping	Mon. Mar. 15, 8 a.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th March.	Parcels, Mar. 14, 5 p.
	Reg. Mar. 15, 8.45 a.
	Ord. Mar. 15, 9.30 a.

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BEHAR	6,000	23rd Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	31st Mar.	Amoy & Japan.
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The 49,000-ton luxury liner Empress of Britain will berth at No. 5 Pier, Kowloon, at 11 a.m. to-morrow on its fifth round the world cruise. Hongkong was included in this year's itinerary after the ship had left New York, the Far East being omitted in the original schedule owing to the Sino-Japanese crisis. Many notable travellers are aboard the Empress of Britain. They include Prince Andrew of Greece, fourth son of King George I, who was assassinated, and uncle of the reigning king. Lord Tennyson, the famous soldier, cricketer and author, is travelling with Lady Tennyson. Lord Tennyson was captain of the English XI against Australia in 1921 and has since toured extensively abroad with his own teams, most recently in India, where he has just concluded a successful tour. Baron and Baroness Hatvany are both famous Hungarian authors. Prince Louis Della Torre e Tasso, Prince Raymond, Prince de Tassio and Princess Della e Tassio are other prominent persons aboard the Empress of Britain.

Sir Montague Burton, Chairman of Montague Burton, Ltd. of Leeds, is making his second tour on the Empress liner. He is accompanied by Lady Burton.

Baroness F. Sybil Carbonell is travelling with a party.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Mar. 7.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets:
The market to-day registered a two-points decline, which was the 5th consecutive decline, before being supported. Scheduled steel operations were 29.9% of capacity. Some selling has been traced to traders raising funds to pay income taxes and more such selling is expected. It is reported that foreign traders are out of the market, despite the uncertainties of European armament costs. Large corporations show high 1937 net incomes. Discouraging factors were the resumption of the weakness of the French financial position and the Oil Industry's unfavourable statistical position. Bank debits in leading cities are 21% below those for the corresponding period of last year.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: Prices to-day declined on the light volume of business and further irregularity is likely. The "Times" business index for the week was 78.9, as against 79.0 last week and 107.5 for the corresponding week of last year.

Cotton: There has been further Bombay selling. The mills continue the curtailment of textile production. Spots are quiet. Out of 10 brokers, 4 are bullish and 6 are neutral.

Wheat: There have been no further rains in the dry belt. The market is featureless. Out of 5 brokers, 3 are bullish and 2 are bearish. There has been a visible decrease of 1,976,000 bushels.

Corn: Conditions are unchanged. There has been a visible increase of 1,100,000 bushels.

Rubber: The market was quiet and featureless.

Hides: 100,000 calf-hides have been reported sold at advances. There has been a moderate improvement in the outlook for the shoe trade. The market is otherwise quiet.

Sugar: Stagnant. There was some small liquidation on an almost empty market.

Dow Jones Averages	Mar. 5	Close
30 Industrials	127.67	125.33
20 Railroads	28.75	28.05
20 Utilities	19.35	19.11
40 Bonds	90.45	90.93
11 Commodity Index	53.00	52.51

DUTCH NICKEL FOR KRUPPS

Berlin, Mar. 8.
The Dutch Indies is going to ship between 1,000 and 1,500 tons of nickel ore, containing from three to five per cent. of nickel to Krupp, according to the newspaper Metal Wirtschaft.

A second consignment will follow in the middle of March, and Krupp will experiment with it to decide how much can be imported from this new source in the future.—Reuter.

INSURGENTS EXACT VENGEANCE

Barcelona, March 8.
Four Nationalist air raids were made on Cartagena subsequent to the return of the Republican fleet after its victorious encounter with insurgent warships yesterday.
It is officially stated that the attacks did little damage and the Republican vessels were untouched.—Reuter Bulletin.

ANCESTRY HALLS OF GERMANY DEFENDED**A GERMAN'S ANSWER**

Wallenstein, the great warrior of the early 17th century, once held sway over Guestraw, the ancient little town, so neat and well-to-do, which mainly lives on the rich soil around it, where wheat grows in plenty. The town is very proud of its splendid castle, where Wallenstein once stayed for a short time. The citizens are slow of speech, and combine innate principles with spy-glasses, especially in the side-streets. With the aid of these cunningly contrived mirrors they see while sitting at their windows what is going on in the street, so that it is hard for anything to happen without the whole town knowing it.

No one would expect to find anything so unusual as an Ancestry Hall in such conservative surroundings. But there really is one. What, however, is the Ancestry Hall?

Seen from the outside, it is a Gothic chapel in the midst of an old cemetery, long disused. The chapel, which is more than five centuries old, was originally dedicated to St. Gertrude of Nivelles. But the travellers' patron saint was compelled to leave her little church when the Reformation came, and the chapel only served for burial purposes until the cemetery fell into disuse last century.

From then on, no one wished to have anything to do with this chapel; there are many larger churches in Guestraw. It was used for hay, then as a storehouse for superfluous decorations from the other churches. It became almost a ruin in the course of time; the windows were broken, the crosses in the churchyard collapsed. The good citizens of Guestraw, who are fond of orderliness, may often have sighed on this account.

Finally, the Town Councillors interested themselves in the matter, purchasing the church and churchyard from the ecclesiastical authorities who had proved so neglectful. The deserted churchyard was turned into a kind of park, but no use was found for the chapel which, in fact, was more than once in danger of falling into the hands of house-wreckers. Then the National Socialist Government came. The new Council preserved the former chapel as a historic monument. For a while, they wondered what they could do with it; in the end, they turned it into an Ancestry Hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—With reference to the article on the spelling bee between Oxford and Harvard and Radcliffe Universities, can any reader supply the name of any dictionary which spells "gamboge" as "gamboge"?

F. H. T.

It will thus be seen that the reports to the effect that Christianity has been chased away to make room for the ancestry cult were pure inventions which merely mislead. National Socialism carries a good many things through, and is not exactly timid; but it cannot displace what was not there for purely physical reasons. Not even the most sanguine can wipe out what does not exist, and National Socialism are no exceptions to this rule. For the rest, the uses of the Ancestry Hall are inscribed on the walls of this hall, and that Hitler's photograph and the Hakenkreuz flag are also to be seen, as in all public secular buildings, does not appear to do any one any harm, least of all to the Christian religion.

Christians may prech undisturbed to their hearts' content in their large, beautiful churches; they may baptise, marry, and administer the sacraments, as everyone who visits Germany will see for himself.

It is true that some young National Socialist couples have appeared there for their marriage, or brought their new-born children there, to hear a speech by a member of their Party, and no one has prevented them. But they would have been just as little prevented if they had preferred to enter a church, or hear an address in their own homes. That they chose to come to the Ancestry Hall

was, after all, their own private business. It is sixty years since church marriages and baptisms ceased to be compulsory; the only legally prescribed form since then has been at the Registry Office, where the ceremony is very formal. One must not compare a few celebrations in the Guestraw Ancestry Hall with Chinese ancestry worship, for example—it is at most a question of a wish for a solemn ceremony on the part of those who, like many Germans to-day, feel that the churches have let them down, and thus remain away from places of worship. But their number is much smaller in Mecklenburg than in the cities.

Chancellor Hitler has repeatedly stated that he is not a founder of any religion. His Movement is purely political, not religious. The racial ideas, irrespective as to whether they have their faults or not, are, it may be added, not religious mysticism but the result of cool consideration of political realities. If the churches had more understanding of this political movement in Germany they would not be in danger of losing so many supporters. There are many millions of Germans who are believing Christians and, at the same time, enthusiastic National Socialists. If Germany's political position five years ago is compared with that to-day, it will be understood that Hitler must seem to be a man sent by the Almighty to save the country from his despair, and this impression must be all the greater in the case of the most believing Christians. But it is an error to assert that Hitler is a kind of Messiah for many Germans. Those who make this assertion do not know the Germans, who have much too sharp an eye for human weakness, are much too merciless in their criticisms, did not at all incline to look upon any earthly being, not even the deeply respected Fuehrer, as being provided with superhuman qualities of any kind.

Odd Coincidence Of Years

Dennis, Mass.
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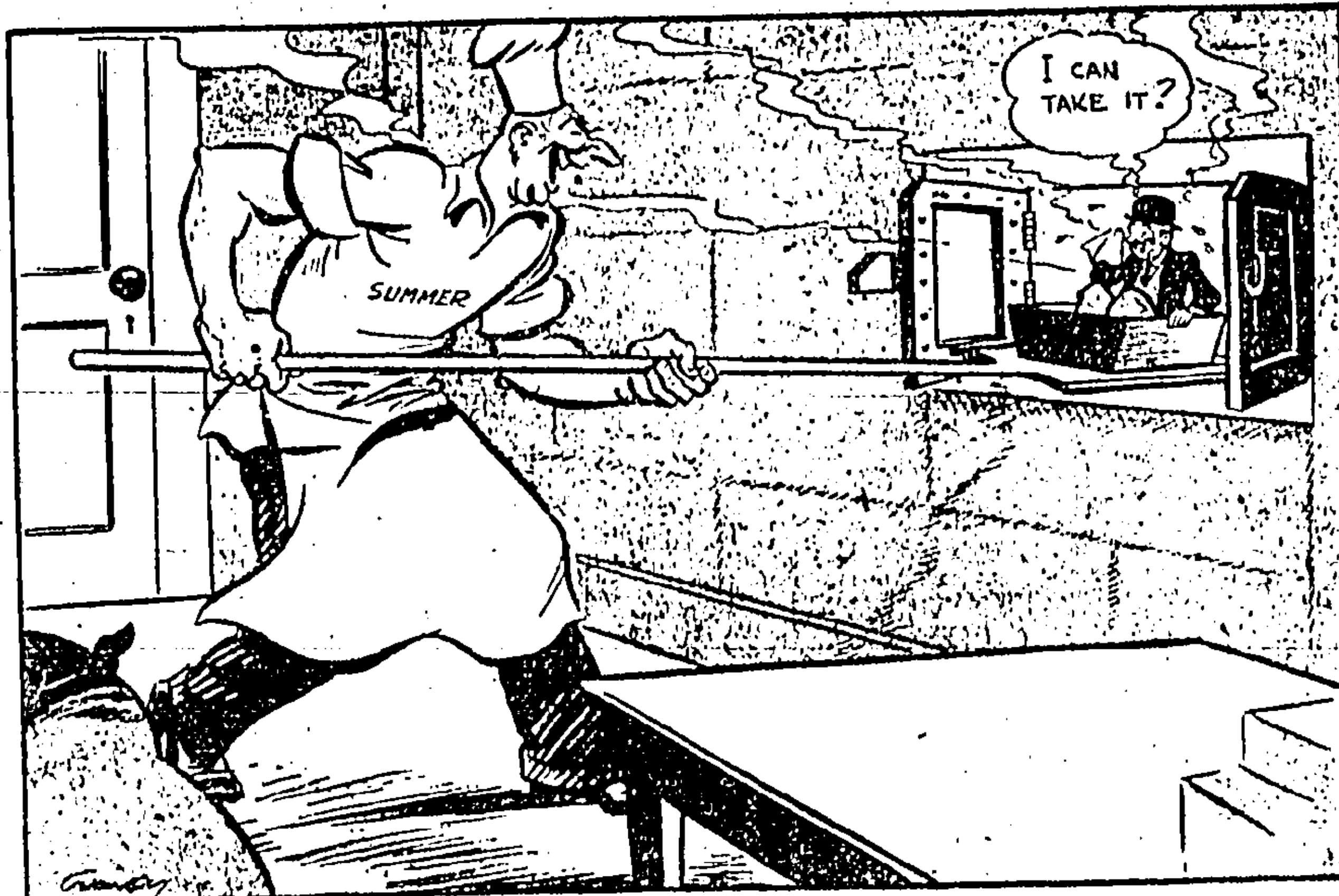
**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1938.

HUNTING WAY TO REFORM

Mr. Citizen of Hongkong has roused himself to protest vigorously against what is described as the "Rent Ramp." In more explicit terms this is the alleged exploitation of tenants by property owners, who, it is said, have taken advantage of the abnormal demand for accommodation to impose excessive increases in rent, with the alternative: "Pay up, or get out." Mr. Citizen is demanding rent control, or at least some form of Government action which will protect him from these landlords he considers rapacious profiteers. But the problem has a dozen pros. and cons. and does not seem to lend itself either to an immediate or an easy solution. The landlords claim they have a reasonable case. Only now, it is argued, are they beginning to receive an adequate return on their capital outlay, due to the fact that rentals have been hitherto forced down to such a low level, and that, in point of fact, the increased rents now being charged are really the fair rents. This implies that up to the present Hongkong house-holders have been given more than value in accommodation. The tenants counter-claim that increased rents have leapt above a reasonable level of increase compared to the purchasing power of wages. In fact, despite an increasing cost of living, wages have remained comparatively stationary. The position therefore is that the public is calling upon Government to legislate in its favour, even though it is possible the landlords have themselves a very reasonable claim for protection of what is recognised by democratic capitalism to be their right—profit from capital investment.

If it were a purely sentimental issue, the so-called exploited tenants would have an unchallengeable case. But the tenants, like the landlords, are living under a system which has little or no time for sentiment. Both are liable to suffer as a result of that system; the tenant because he is asked to pay rent which is out of proportion to his income; and alternatively the landlord, who through rent control, is prevented from realising that which Society says is his ethical and economic right—profit on capital expenditure. Faced with such a position it is easy to understand why the authorities hesitate to introduce legislation which must be arbitrary in its effects either for one side or the other. Democracy, because it is proud of its "justice tempered with mercy," will finally demand that adjudication be given in favour of the "under-dog," but that goes nowhere towards dealing with the fundamental issues. They are issues which challenge



THEY CALL IT WINTER

—Gurney in Melbourne Herald

O G P U

(Call it Gay - Pay - Oo)

Today the Soviet Secret Police
make front page news. This
article tells exactly what the

**OGPU is, what it
does, how it works**

EVERY dictatorship has its Terror, because no dictator could carry on in business for long if anybody else was allowed to have much of a say.

All the dictators now littered about Europe have their organisations for stopping everybody else from expressing an opinion. Take Hitler's Gestapo, or secret police, and Mussolini's Ovra. I forget the name of Kemal Ataturk's narks, but they are sticking around, you can be sure.

Stalin's GPU is as good as the rest. In fact, it is probably the most efficient terror machine that the world has seen up to date. It needs to be, for the Russian dictatorship is exercised over 170,000,000 people, which makes the 100,000,000 empire of Caesar, the first European dictator, look pretty small beer.

AT this moment the world is witnessing with amazement the culminating trial in Moscow of a series of arrests which forced the GPU to stretch its arm across 2,000 miles from its grim bare headquarters in the Inner Prison of

the very system which would give arbitrary judgment. That system is forced to deny itself, and to admit that it has no formula which, while meeting the insistent demands of one outraged section of society, can avoid outraging another section of society.

This may appear to have put the "Rent Ramp" problem in the abstract, yet in the long view, the essential issue would appear to be, not so much whether or not rent control, or some equivalent legislation, should be imposed, but whether society must not, in fairness to all its members, find a system which precludes such problems. If this is not forthcoming the struggle between profit-making producers and overburdened consumers will continue as demonstrated by the rent ramp. Meanwhile numbers of tenants in Hongkong, willing to pay charges proportionate to their economic ability, are threatened with ejection if they refuse to submit to increased impositions by certain landlords. The situation cannot be allowed to remain unattended, and the authorities must act, and act quickly to remedy the position. —S. A. G.

the Lubyanka, Moscow, as far as the pleasant Kensington residence of the Soviet Embassy in London; to the palatial Embassy in Berlin, to its Embassy in Hankow and to its headquarters in Tokyo. The fist of the GPU gripped from every part of the world the suspect Soviet sympathies, and hauls them home for police trial and sentence.

STALIN is striking down his enemies and critics right and left, and like Hitler in the June purge of the Nazis in 1934 he is not concerned with the particular degree of their offence. The mere suspicion of it places them within the province of the GPU.

GPU are the initials in Russian of the "Unified State Political Police." The full initials are OGPU, but the Russians long ago dropped the letter "O" and spoke always of the "Gay-Pay-Oo." Unless, that is, they preferred to whisper, with conspiratorial glee, of the "Three Letters."

"Old soldiers never die, they simply fade away." Old (secret) policemen, on the other hand, simply fade into a new kind of (secret) policeman.

The Gay-Pay-Oo are the lineal descendants of the Cheka, who were the Soviet secret police when the revolution was in its early days. Before that, in the Czar's time, the secret police were called the Okhrana. Many of the Okhrana went over to the Cheka when their own business was wound up.

The Cheka flourished from 1918 onwards. The word is composed from the initials of the Extraordinary Commission to Combat Counter Revolution.

It was set up in the bloody days of the civil war (1918-1922) when 14 foreign armies, with "White Guard" Russians, were trying to pull down and destroy the infant Soviet Republic.

LENIN called for an instrument to stamp out "treason to the revolution" just as Robespierre called for it in 1793 when foreign Powers were invading republican France

and the peasant provinces of La Vendee were in insurrection against the Paris Government.

Lenin got his Cheka, and Robespierre got his Committee of Public Safety. For wholesale slaughter the Cheka put the "committee" in the shade.

According to its own figures, in 1918 they killed 6,300 people in the central provinces of Russia, which was all that the Soviet then held. That was not bad for the first year's business in butchery; but in 1919 and 1920 the Cheka beat all records, and is credibly reported to have bumped off 50,000. (This includes the pitiless crushing of the Red Navy mutiny at Kronstadt.) When Dora Kaplan shot at Lenin in 1918, wounding him, the Cheka put 500 prisoners in Leningrad against the wall without trial.

HEAD of the Cheka in these days was Felix Dzerjinsky, the Pole, a poet and an ascetic, a man of pure life and noble ideals. Like Saint Just, the most terrible of the Jacobin terrorists, he killed "without passion," believing that the revolution must be saved for the sake of living millions and future generations. The Cheka sentenced men by secret trial, or if time pressed, shot them without trial. Times change, but not Secret Police.

When the civil war ended, the Cheka's immediate task was done. But it is easier to create an all-powerful organ in any State than to destroy it. Too many men have vested interests in it, and they are desperate men whose trade has made them implacable enemies.

So the Cheka became the OGPU—under the same chief and with the same officers. They were reorganised into a dual service, detective and military. This is the two-edged sword that Stalin now wields.

The GPU has its own budget, and it is secret. Until the other day it had its own courts. It still dominates the ordinary Soviet law courts. Its spies are spread throughout the land. No body has ever assessed their number. But their strength may be gauged from the fact that every Russian half-believes that the next one belongs to the day. "Three Letters."

THE "VERY IDEA"

RAILS ARE WHAT WE PUT OUR FEET ON

By Eddie "Stephenson" Kelly

GASPS of relief greeted our return from Canton. We came down by train.

George was with us. He was like the engine—a little loco.

Knocked about by the constant jolting, we were. We should have taken cushions. The engine may have had a tender behind, but it had nothing on us.

We were delayed for over an hour at Chekwai, waiting for an air raid that didn't happen.

The Japanese didn't want to disturb the railway sleepers.

We've often heard of people being on the water wagon, but we weren't like that yesterday. In fact, we were on the Wagons Lit.

There was a honeymoon couple in the next compartment. They didn't uncouple once. It was a strain on we buffers next door.

The ignorance of most people about trains is amazing.

Trains roll on steel rails which men steal from the bowels of the earth. This is the principal difference from ships, which steal pretty well everything from the bowels of men when they roll.

Steam makes a train go, although lots of people blame the K.C.R. clock for being fast.

Westinghouse brakes make them stop. Our doctor once applied the brakes to us by putting us in a Westinghouse.

The K.C.R. people should be good weather prophets. Their outlook is mostly fare.

That will be all to-day, girls. As we say in the goods-sheds: "My, doesn't she look a freight!"

YOU can't count spies, but soldiers you can see. The GPU has its own army, 50,000 strong. They include the red-capped railway patrol and the green-capped frontier guard. They are the best-paid, best-equipped, and best-disciplined troops that the Stalin regime commands.

Last year the GPU passed through another metamorphosis. Officially they were abolished, and their functions taken over by the new Commissariat for Internal Affairs (Narkomvnutel). Many people in England thought "Hullo! Russia is going to have a respectable Home Office Administration, with a nice Scotland Yard and general control of the police."

What happened in fact is that the Secret Police, OGPU, Cheka, call them what you like, so long as a state within the State, have begun to swallow up the State from the inside. They still hold secret "administrative" trials, they still dominate any open trials, they still shoot without trial, as they did when Stalin's friend Kirov was assassinated and 117 prisoners in Leningrad were executed out of hand.

THE methods of the GPU—for the name sticks—are secret and anonymous denunciation, midnight arrest (when the vitality is low and publicity, too) and third degree interrogation.

You may doubt the stories of physical torture. There is no question of the mental racking that the GPU prisons practise. Prisoners are urged to "confess" in order to lighten their sentences. They are tricked into incriminating their colleagues on the pretence that the others have already betrayed them.

And then they are cynically double-crossed and shot after all, as the wretched figures at the walling wall of Moscow may be gauged from the fact that every Russian half-believes that the next one belongs to the day.

Nathan Walters

DO WE LEAD OR LAG BEHIND? Lesson Of The Ensign: Almost Obsolete



England's two ice-skating champions, Cecilia Colledge (at left) and Megan Taylor. Megan recently wrested the world's title from Cecilia after a strenuous fight at the Stockholm championships.

WALT DISNEY'S NEW IDEA

EMPIRE NEWS SOUTH AFRICAN DOGS FOR PALESTINE

Cape Town. In response to a request from the Palestine authorities, the Union Government to-day shipped from Durban 272 police dogs for use in Palestine. They are the well-known Doberman Pinscher breed, famous for their tracking.

Use of dogs has been an outstanding feature of the police measures taken to deal with the present disturbances. They were employed to follow a trail from the spot at which Mr. J. L. Starkey, the British archaeologist, was murdered on Monday last.

Navy Week Success.—Navy Week, at Simon's Town, which opened on Saturday, is proving a great success. Every night a searchlight tattoo is presented to "packed houses."

Car Over Cliff.—Mr. P. I. Pendlebury, 24, private secretary to the Mayor of Cape Town, was killed yesterday when the car he was driving crashed 400 feet down a cliff side near Simon's Town.

Motor Racing Complaint.—Earl Howe, the British racing motorist and winner of the Grosvenor Grand Prix on Saturday, has, together with other overseas drivers, complained that the handicapping, has favoured the small cars in the recent big South African motor races. He said that the only way a strong team of international drivers could be attracted to South Africa each year was by discarding the present type of race and going over to an event starting all drivers together.—Reuter.

India

FORMER MINISTER UNSEATED

Calcutta. Sir K. G. M. Farouki, a Moslem member of the Bengal Legislative Assembly for the North Tipperah district, and a former Minister of the Bengal Government, has been found guilty of corrupt practices at the general election. He has been disqualified from sitting in the House or taking part in an election for six years.

Mr. Justice Edgley presided over the election tribunal which heard the case, two Commissioners sitting with him. Allegations were made by a rival candidate of illegal "gratification" and attempts by agents to terrorise voters.

Mr. Bose's Campaign.—The Bengal Government is ignoring the campaign in London of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the 39-year-old Congress leader, except to contradict statements reported to have been made by him regarding the release of political prisoners. It is denied that only those interned in their own homes or villages were released, and it is reiterated that 150 political prisoners were freed from prisons and camps. Chandernagore Memorial.—Inhabitants of Chandernagore, the small French colony near Calcutta, have subscribed to a memorial tablet to the late Commissioner of Police, M. Caulet, who was assassinated by terrorists on March 10, 1933, at Chandernagore.

How We Get Our 'Planes

IS COMPETITION FREE ENOUGH?

From A Special Correspondent

WHEN Parliament reopens the anxiety of the country regarding Britain's air preparedness will be reflected in an important debate, to which the Prime Minister himself will reply.

It is already being stated, more or less officially, that the Prime Minister is ready with figures to demolish the critics, and that in case his figures fail to be completely impressive, it has been decided to regard any vote on the matter as a vote of censure on the Government.

This would mean, of course, the resignation of the Government if the vote were carried. In the circumstances the defeat of the Government is extremely unlikely.

But, although the critics may not be prepared to push their case to the extent of voting against the Government, there is nevertheless a widespread and growing dissatisfaction with many things concerning the air arming of Britain.

And the anxiety goes even further. Many knowledgeable people take the view that the same system which is, in their opinion, hampering the growth of the Air Force is also prejudicing the growth of civil aviation.

The main charges made by the critics are two:

1. That the Government, by restricting its air dealings more or less exclusively to a limited circle of firms, seriously obstructs new developments in design being carried into effect.

2. That owing to production delays many airplanes are obsolete—compared with the planes of other countries—before they are delivered.

How did this situation arise? How did this small circle with power almost unique in the history of Britain come to control the situation?

It began in this way. Back in the years 1920-22 the Air Ministry decided to restrict the manufacture of military aircraft to certain firms. These became known as the "approved firms."

A few of them have since ceased to manufacture and have dropped out of the list, but the list to-day remains practically the same. The only thing that has no new firms have been added to it.

BOUGHT ABROAD

In the years that followed practically all Air Ministry orders went to these firms. The Air Ministry to all intents and purposes agreed that no designs would be accepted from any firm outside the charmed circle.

Between 1928 and 1935 there was a gradual re-equipment of the R.A.F. with new types of machines.

At the same time it became apparent that there was a growing lack of performance and military characteristics in British airplanes, with the result that foreign Powers who had hitherto purchased their planes here began to place orders with the more progressive industries abroad.

In 1934 there were no machines in service in the R.A.F. capable of flying as fast as the more advanced types of purely civil airliners produced in America and Germany.

It is only recently that the R.A.F. adopted the monoplane. All the other great Powers adopted it years ago.

The situation was remedied to some extent only after firms on the approved list had sent members of their design and technical departments to America to study the advances made there. Immediately afterwards new British military machines with improved performance began to appear.

SLOW PRODUCTION

At the same time production was so slow that at times as long as five years elapsed between the issue of a specification and the new type of machine going into service. Replacement of heavy bombers has taken as long as nine years.

The seriousness of the situation is evident when it is remembered that at the present moment any type of airplane becomes obsolete in five years. In America obsolescence is reckoned in three years. Even at the moment the Air Force is equipped with approximately thirty different types of aircraft, which in the main are obsolete, judged by the modern achievements abroad, as is illustrated by Italian and German products.

Now what has happened in recent years outside the list of "approved firms?"

From 1928 onwards there developed a considerable world demand for civil airplanes. With the exception of about four firms the "approved firms" did not go into the civil market.

A number of new firms arose, with technical staffs composed of progressive young men, who entered the

civil market with such success that they sold British planes in quantities throughout the world.

FROM OUTSIDE

In critical and quickly changing days like these the air industry can only remain abreast of the times if it has a continuous flow of new ideas. Critics maintain that the approved group, safely sheltered from competition, has a very natural tendency to exclude new blood both in management and design and that the new ideas come from the firms outside.

A significant example of Britain's air plight is the case of the Ensign, the largest airplane in the world, which came into the open only last week with a great flourish of official trumpets.

Actually she is twenty months late in delivery, several years old in design, and almost out of date before she begins her service.

Her maximum cruising speed is 165 m.p.h., which is totally inadequate to compete with the best machines of America and Germany.

Thirteen similar craft are on order at a cost of about £50,000 each, heavily subsidised by the Government. By the time they are delivered they will be hopelessly out of date. The new American machine comparable with Ensign cruises at 220 m.p.h.

THE GIRL FROM TIENTSIN

A young Russian woman who made the long journey from China to England to see a man she claimed to have married in Tientsin, described in court in London what happened when she knocked at the door of his home at Nuneaton.

Speaking in broken English, the woman, Pauline Barlow, said her husband opened the door.

She asked him what he was doing there.

He replied: "I am married." A young woman appeared at the door, and asked: "Who is this?" He replied: "My first wife."

The outcome was that the man, Edward Barlow, a miner, was recently committed for trial charged with bigamy, marrying Louise Cotton at Nuneaton Register Office on Christmas Eve.

The woman from the East said she married Barlow at Tientsin on October 17, 1930. He was then a private in the Worcestershire Regiment. She was first married in 1922 at Archangel when 16 years of age. Her husband was killed in the revolution.

Barlow, on returning to England, she said, promised to send her money to join him.

Then the Government authorities at Tientsin asked her, if she would like to go to England to see her husband.

She said she would. Barlow said in court that he thought his marriage in China was illegal.

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11.30-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 De Groot & His Orchestra. The Gypsy Princess—Selection (Kalmann). Albumblatt (Wagner, arr. Mulder). Liebestraume (Liszt). Zinetta (Geehl). When The Great Red Dawn is Shining (Sharpe). The Merry Widow—Selection (Lehar). 1.0 Time and Weather.

1.03 Light Opera Selections. The Land Of Smiles—Selection (Lehar). London Theatre Orch. conducted by Ernest Irving. 'The Arcadians' (Monckton). Arcady Is Ever Young; The Pipes Of Pan... Wimple Melville (Soprano). 'Monsieur Beaucaire'—Selection (Rose, arr. Bucalossi). New Light Symphony Orchestra; 'The Beggar Student' (Millock-Zell-Geehl). Ich hab' kein Gold, bin vogelfrei! Ich knüppte manche zarte Bande... Hans Fiedler (Tenor).

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Rotary T.M. Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: Dr. D. Y. Lin, Director, Kwangtung Rural Co-operative Commission, and Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry, Canton. Subject: 'What is Kwangtung doing to conserve her food supply?'

2.15 Close down.

7.0 Dance Music.

Quickstep 'I'll Write A Love Song (from 'It's in the Bag'); Slow Fox-Trot—My Secret Love Affairs (film 'Lovely to Look at'). Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Rumbas—Green Eyes (Mendendez); Maria, My Own... Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Old Pal Of Mine; Roses In December. Billy Thorburn and His Music. Silvery Moon And Golden Sands; The Cross-Eyed Cowboy On The Cross-Eyed Horse... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

7.25 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.30 London Relay—All Kinds of People—5.

A New Zealand experience in canvassing for a newspaper in Lancashire by Nesbitt Sellers.

7.45 Studio—'International Women's Day'; a talk by Tai-Dai Irene Ho.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by the Light Orchestra of H.M.S. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment). By kind permission of Lt. Col. G. E. Hall, M.C., and Officers.

1. Demoselles Chic (Fletcher); 2. Saschinka (Schirrmann); 3. Liebeslied (Kreisl); 4. Tales of Hoffman; 5. Gavotte (Glenbach); 6. Symphony (Fritzi); 6. After all these years (Nichols).

8.33 Schumann—Papillons, Op. 2. Played by Alfred Cortot (Piano).

8.46 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Music of the Soheres (Knepler-J. Strauss, arr. F. Mitter); The Shepherd on the Rock (Chezy-Schubert).

9.0 Military Band Concert.

'Poet And Peasant'—Overture (Suppe, arr. Retford)... The Band Of H. M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans; Dance Of The Flowers—Valse (from 'Le Corsaire Ballet'—Delibes); Slavonic Dance No. 3 (Dvorak—Op. 72/5—arr. Williams).

The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell; Sea Songs Medley (arr. Vaughan Williams); Ship Ahoy March (arr. MacKenzie).

Massed Bands of The Royal Marines cond. by G. C. Keen; The Changing Of The Guard—Ceremony... Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Major George Miller.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

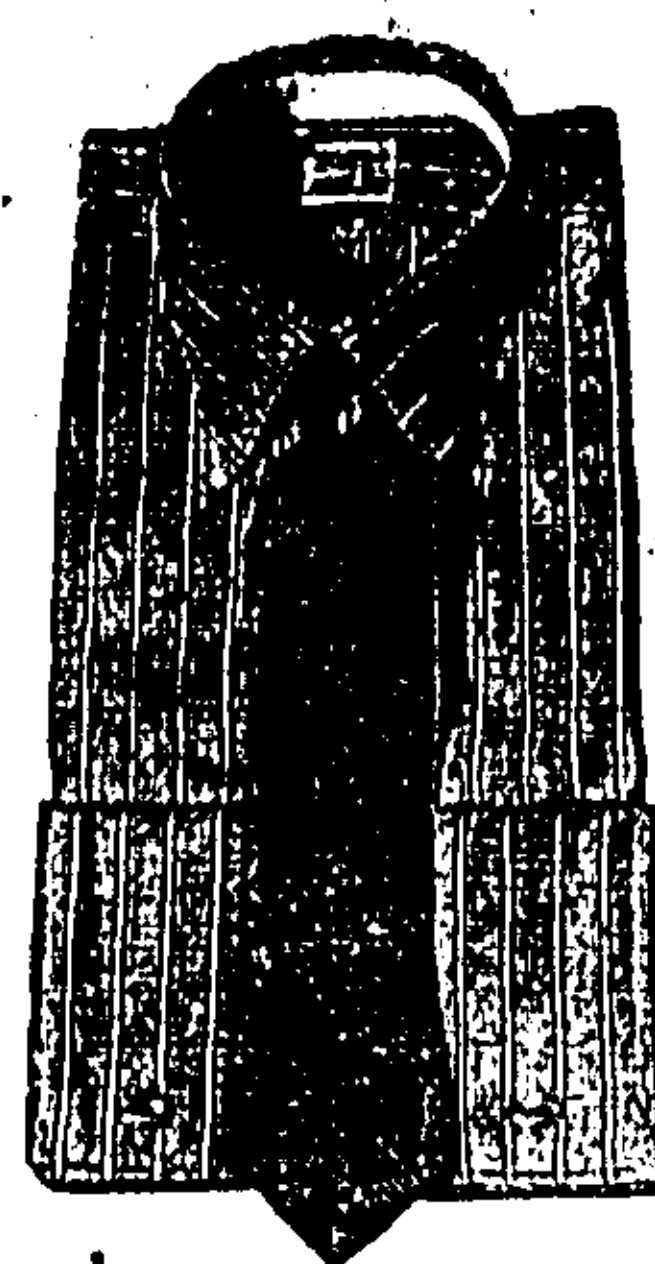
9.50 Variety and Dance Programme.

Dance Orch.—Foggy Day In London—Fox-Trot (film 'Damsel In Distress'); Nice Work If You Can Get It—Fox-Trot (film 'Damsel In Distress')... Jack Harris and His Orchestra; Humorous—John Henry's Night Out... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge; Orchestra—Waltzes Of The World—Polka (arr. Robrecht)... Orchestra Mascotte; Vocal—Aren't Women Wonderful? (Shapiro and Scott); He Hadn't Up Till Yesterday (Wright, Haines, Tucker and Meskill).... Sophie Tucker; Dance Orch.—Trumbology—Fox-Trot; Goose Pimples—Fox-Trot... Bix Belderbecke and His Orch.; Vocal—The Wedding Of A Gigolo (Pola, Nesbitt and Walker); I Want To Be A Nudist... Eddie Pola; Dance Orch.—Must You Say Goodbye?—Waltz (film 'Burghtheater'); Where The World Ends—Fox-Trot... Eugen Wolf and His Orchestra; Vocal—Covered Wagon Lullaby (Freeman and Leonard); The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine (from the film)... The Hill Billies; Piano—On Your Toes—Medley (Hart and Rodgers).... Vivian Ellis.

10.45 London Relay—'Arry and Liza in Cockney Cameos.

11.0 Close down.

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TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES STILL ONE-SIDED

EIGHT MATCHES DECIDED IN STRAIGHT SETS

RAZACK, LIANG AND LAND WIN SINGLES

(By "Abe")

While watching the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday afternoon, I could not help overhearing a conversation between two spectators. One of them complained "I have not seen a really good match in this year's championships," and the other agreed. I am also inclined to agree.

Several of yesterday's ties had promised to be interesting ones, but again they proved disappointing. Altogether three matches were decided in the Singles and four in the doubles, and in every case only two sets were necessary to reach a decision.

Even allowing for the fact that he was not accustomed to playing on grass, D. K. Leung, the Canton singles champion, showed surprising poor form against I. M. A. Razack of the Indian R.C. Possessing a good style, Leung obviously has plenty of good tennis in him, but he was far too careless yesterday and his defeat was due as much to his own mistakes as to Razack's good play. As a matter of fact, all Razack had to do to keep a rally going and it was fairly certain that his opponent would concede him the point by making a mistake. There were occasions, however, when Leung beat Razack by sheer pace, but they were rare and far between.

OPPONENT SIZED UP

To Razack's credit was that he had had his opponent sized up very early in the encounter and he played accordingly. Usually an erratic player himself, he was surprisingly patient throughout and went to his points surely if not spectacularly.

An overhead weakness at the beginning of his match with S. W. Liang rather undermined A. V. Gosano's confidence. As long as he was able to entice his opponent to drive when he was up at the net, Gosano was happy because, but when Liang employed the lob, Gosano was all at sea. It cannot be said that Liang's lobs were good ones—in fact they were very often short—but nevertheless Gosano failed to "kill" even the shortest of them.

Liang's best game was in defence, mostly from the base-line. He seldom attacked because his forehand was weak. A perceptible lifting of the face of his racket just before the moment of impact took all the sting out of his forehand drive, but his backhand was very steady.

I saw little of the game between W. A. Land and F. A. Broadbridge, but judging by the few games which I did manage to see, the military player must have been right on top of his form in the first set; for he was not very impressive in the last few games in the second set. True, he was serving well with the wind behind him, but he was too prone to over-drive.

DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT

In the doubles, the Rumjahn cousins showed a definite improvement on last week's form. Against Leung Ping-chiu and Marsland, they received little opposition and won with the concession of a game in each set.

H. Owen Hughes and T. A. Pearce were up against a rather weak combination in L. E. Lewis and Peter U. and H. A. Barros and J. Gonsalves were much too good for Wong Fuk-nam and Cheng Ping-yeung.

Wei Chung and Pang Oi-lam gave Luk Ding-cheung and Wong Shiu-

wing, last year's semi-finalists, a harder fight than the scores of 6-0, 6-3 would suggest. This was due to the fact that Luke and Wong took the match rather casually.

Scores:

SINGLES

W. A. Land beat F. A. Broadbridge 6-1, 6-3.
S. W. Liang beat A. V. Gosano 6-3, 6-4.
I. M. A. Razack beat D. K. Leung 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES

Luk Ding-cheung and Wong Shiu-wing beat Wei Chung and Pang Oi-lam 6-0, 6-3.
H. Owen Hughes and T. A. Pearce beat L. E. Lewis and Peter U. 6-1, 6-2.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Leung Ping-chiu and Marsland 6-1, 6-1.

H. A. Barros and J. Gonsalves beat Wong Fuk-nam and Cheng Ping-yeung 6-3, 6-1.

CLUB SINGLES

W. Sander beat T. E. Nave 6-0, 6-2.
H. J. Armstrong beat H. J. Bidwell 6-0, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Singles.—A. Crawford v. B. Sze-to; E. C. Fincher v. F. V. Harrison. Doubles.—Tsuai Wai-pui and Tsai Yun-pai v. I. Agaturoff and J. Pengelly; O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans v. M. K. and M. W. Lo. Club singles.—T. C. Monaghan v. N. W. Dimsey.

Club handicap singles.—L. Goldman v. Lt. Cdr. C. B. Nicholson; E. R. Price v. W. M. Barton; W. Woodling v. A. D. Humphreys.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL CUP DRAW

London, Mar. 7.
The draw of the fourth round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on March 10, resulted as follows:

Kilmarnock v. Morton or Ayr U.
St. Bernards v. Motherwell
Falkirk v. Rangers
East Fife or Aberdeen v. Raith R.

—Reuter...

REFEREES' MEETING

The fortnightly Hongkong Football Referees' Association meeting was held last night. The Chairman (Mr. T. G. Stokoe) presided. Minutes of the last meeting were read and the annual dinner was decided upon, which will be held in Jimmy's Kitchen on Monday, March 14, at 8 p.m.



Members of the Club "A" Seven-a-Side rugby team with the Blarney Stone Shield which they won once again on Saturday by beating H.M.S. Adventure "A" by 23 points to five in the final. J. C. Miller, the captain, is seated in the middle of the front row. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Hough Wins On Points, Cheered Wildly

"I SHALL GO ALL OUT"

By Trevor Wignall

London, Jan. 25.

At the end of the ninth round in his return fight, Frank Hough the Fighting Hussar, turned to the ringside spectators and smilingly shouted, "Now I shall go all out."

He did not quite do that, mainly because the light-heavy-weight champion of France refused to permit such a happening, but Hough nevertheless delivered a sufficient number of blows to make his points victory—which was so popular that it was received with the wildest cheering—a very clear one.

CHANGED STYLE

In the first five rounds Hough was not so fresh and confident as he usually is. He actually did a lot of retreating, but he explained his failure to indulge in body punching by stating that he was fearful of repeating the blow which brought about his disqualification a couple of weeks ago.

Hough last night depended almost entirely on punches to his opponent's head. He changed his tactics and style in the cleverest fashion—that is what makes watching him such a pleasure—and in the seventh round, to the enormous delight of the crowd, he dropped Lauriot with a left, followed by a stiff right which kept the Frenchman down for eight seconds.

This was the turn of the tide so far as the Hussar was concerned. His customary cheeky confidence returned, and instead of going backwards he stood still and resorted to the counter punching of which he is such a master.

TOUGHEST YET

On last night's showing Lauriot is the toughest opponent Hough has met since he found fame only a few weeks ago. The Frenchman is excellent at a looping left-hand uppercut which is strong and aggressive, and

cut that Hough was glad to get away from after he had sampled it a few times. Lauriot, however, was lucky not to be disqualified for low hitting in the first and third rounds. He was cautioned by Mr. Moss Devoy, but throughout he made the onlookers apprehensive by the lowness of his swings.

The contest was as good as any seen in London for years. It was all action from beginning to end, and in the final round the noise of the cheering was nearly deafening. Hough was a good winner, and any fears that he is not ready to fight Jack MaAvoy for the British light-heavy-weight title have now been finally destroyed. His attractiveness as a crowd-puller also continues to be amazing.

9,000 THERE

Earl's Court was again jammed with more than 9,000 people, which means that on the five occasions he has fought for the National Sporting Club Hough has been watched by over 30,000. Nothing like this has ever before been known in the history of British boxing.

He will not fight next Monday, but only because he has been engaged at £200 per week to appear with Jack Hyton's band. I understand he will play the harmonica and perhaps croon a song.

On the following Monday he will set up another record by doing two performances at New Cross and by sandwiching in a bout at Earl's Court between them. It is hoped his opponent will be Arno Koblin, the champion of Germany.

If Hough gets applause for his harmonica selections and also whips the German, all in the same evening, there will be every reason to describe him as the most extraordinary fighter the world has ever known.

16 For Walker Cup Trial

John B. Beck, of Sundridge Park, has been appointed captain of the British Walker Cup golf team to meet the United States on June 3 and 4 at St. Andrews.

The selection committee have invited the following sixteen players to take part in trials on May 5 and 6 at St. Andrews:

E. Bromley-Davenport (Wilmshurst), James Bruen, jun. (Muskerry), Leonard G. Crawley (Bracepeth Castle), Cecil Ewing (Co. Silgo), J. Graham (Wilderness), J. E. Gent (Brudford Moor), E. D. Hamilton (Ratston), A. Jamieson (Pollok), A. T. Kyle (Sand Moor), J. D. A. Langley (Cambridge University), D. H. Lewis (Cardiff), J. J. F. Pennink (Royal Ashdown Forest), G. B. Peters (Ferezene), K. B. Scott (Oxford University), Charles Stowe (Penn), Hector Thomson (Williams-wood).

Langley, Ewing, Peters and Thomson played in the match against the United States at Pine Valley in 1935. Crawley and Jamieson have both previously played for Great Britain. There are four Scots, two Irishmen, and one Welshman among the sixteen invited for the trial.

One Change In Scottish Team

London, Mar. 7.

The Scottish International rugby team to play England on March 19 will be the same as the one which played against Wales and Ireland, except that Wrenwick (London Scottish) replaces Drummond as wing three-quarter.

The team will, therefore, be as follows:

George Roberts; Wrenwick, Dick, MacRae, J. G. Forrest; Shaw, T. F. Dorward; J. B. Borthwick, J. D. Hastie, Inglis, Horsburgh, Roy, Young, Duff and W. H. Crawford.—Reuter.

Champion Retains Her Golf Title

Filipino Lady Succeeds Again

Manila, Feb. 27.

This year's Philippine women's open golf champion is again Miss Dominga Capall, short, stocky, 28-year-old combination housemaid and washerwoman to two American officials of the Carabang Sugar Estate in Laguna province.

The only Filipino woman to participate in national tournaments for several years, Miss Capall won this year's title from a field of 19 foreigners. Runner-up was Miss G. Morgan of Germany and a third honours went to Mrs. E. J. Sanders of the United States. Miss Capall also won the medalist honours in the qualifying round and the special approaching and putting competition.

Nobody taught Miss Capall how to play golf and she has not read any book in the sport. Back in 1932, she acquired four golf clubs with her meagre savings and started "digging" at the sugar estate's course outside of her "office hours." Two years later she won the Manila municipal links tournament.

It has taken much of the domestic's earnings to buy the necessary four woods and ten irons, on the installment plan, to complete her outfit, but she said she feels amply rewarded by the array of cups she has won. A home run clouter in indoor baseball, she said this sport more than her washing was responsible for her big muscles.

THIRD ATTEMPT

This year was the third time Miss Capall competed in the national open meet. The first was in 1936 when she first emerged champion. In 1937, she was runner-up to the former Miss Jane Piggmann, 1932 champion of Oregon state.

Miss Capall has ambitions of travelling and playing golf in other countries. She also intends to turn pro after reading about the fine points of the game in books she intends to buy. She admits she is not good in "theoretical" golf.

Fatherless since early in childhood, she had to leave school after barely finishing the primary grades to help support her family.

Asked how she came to speak English rather well, she said: "Well, I guess I learned my English like I learned my golf."—United Press.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Important Ties Played During Last Week-End

Craigengower On Level Terms With Indians

Though there were alarms and excursions on Saturday last when the penultimate steps towards the decision of the Senior Shield were taken, there were only two keynote matches so to speak! The surprise of the day was the failure of the K.C.C. to beat the Club de Recreo. The trouble was, I think, undoubtedly that the bowling of the K.C.C. broke down.

Lee and Lloyd had to do practically the whole of the trundling for they sent down 33 overs out of the 45 bowled. I do not know why Anderson only bowled one over but he seems rather to have lost his form with the ball at present, which is most unfortunate for Kowloon. The wicket was wet on top and the ball turned very slowly and sat up so that E. L. Gosano could do more or less what he liked with it. I believe he got 50 out of the first 70 scored. The K.C.C. fielding was not very good and though only actually two chances were dropped, a lot of runs might have been saved. I understand that Gosano was not dropped.

ENOUGH TIME TO GET THEM

The K.C.C. went in at 4.30 p.m. and they had thus 105 minutes to get 159 runs which is by no means an impossible task although it must be remembered that the Recreo ground is a large one and the outfield was pretty wet. However, when Anderson cocked one up to mid-on after he had made 11, apparently all attempts to win the match were abandoned. The next three men failed badly and only T. A. Madar did anything, barring Teddy Fincher, whose 40 was an excellent innings though on the slow side. I have been interested to see that Madar seems to bat much better now they have moved him from the position of the opening batsman. Kowloon were never in any danger of losing the game, but I think that barring miracles their chances for the Shield have gone completely.

A WEAK TEAM

I suppose it has something to do with training camps and military operations, but the Army side (it was not an eleven) was only a shadow of its proper self. Actually they were one man short, which seems amazing, especially as Army "A" were not playing. (Incidentally I noticed Army "B" were one short!) Anyway only Man, Rawstone, Godby and Hatfield were playing. I have been interested to see that Man seems to bat much better now they have moved him from the position of the opening batsman. Kowloon were never in any danger of losing the game, but I think that barring miracles their chances for the Shield have gone completely.

been a very different story. As it was, Godby settled down at once and while he and Man were together everything looked alright. However, once the latter went it was all rather hopeless. Godby hit gallantly and got up to 77 out of the 152. Billimoria bowled excellently (16-5-37-8) and did not seem to be worried by the matting at all.

WEAK BOWLING

It soon appeared that the Army bowlers did not like the matting although they ought to be more used to it than most. Hatfield was the only one of them who did anything good and A. R. H. Esmail (47) and F. R. Zimmer (71) did more or less what they liked. The other bowlers were terribly expensive and the runs were hit off with ample time to spare. It is most unfortunate that the Army could not turn out a full team though. I do not think they would ever have any chance of beating Craigengower. They might, however, have hoped for a draw. As it is, Craigengower's chances for the Shield look particularly rosy at present. I shall have something to say about them in my Friday article.

A GREAT GAME

By far the most interesting of the games which were played on Saturday last was that between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the I.R.C. on the ground of the latter team. The home team won the toss and put the Club in, which in nine cases out of ten on Saturday afternoon is right. I am not quite sure, however, if it paid in this case though it must be admitted that this gave the Indians in the latter part of their innings the alternative of going out for the runs or of saving the game; for they were in the position that while a win outright practically put them safe, a complete loss definitely put them a point down. They were fortunate to be playing on the next door ground and very fairly early in the afternoon it seemed very probable the Craigengower would win their match.

However, when the innings opened the wicket was very slow and easy and Kibbee and Leslie put on runs quickly. Minu went off almost immediately but when he came on again with 40 on the board the wicket was beginning to dry under the influence of a fresh breeze and he got two wickets in his first over. (Continued on Page 9.)

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FOOTBALL COUNCIL MEETING

Kowloon Criticised For Playing Corinthian

Objection to the playing of an Islington Corinthian footballer by the Kowloon Football Club in the Challenge Shield match against the Middlesex Regiment on Saturday, was made at the meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council at Holland House yesterday. Mr. W. Pryde presided.

It was agreed by members that the act was "bad form" at least and a letter deprecating it was ordered to be sent to the Club. Members were at pains to explain that there was no reflection on the Corinthian concerned, since he was registered and could not be expected to know what was involved. The validity of the registration was, however, questioned.

The matter was raised by Mr. E. Hollands, representing Eastern Athletic, under the heading "any other business," and he regretted that Mr. J. McKelvie, representative of the Kowloon Football Club, had had to leave early to keep another appointment.

Mr. Hollands asked whether the player concerned was registered.

Mr. C. D. Carter, Secretary, said he was.

Mr. Hollands: I would like to draw your attention to the fact that to be registered for the Kowloon Football Club it is necessary to be a bona fide member of the Club; and, during the short time that player was here, it was impossible for him to be proposed, seconded and admitted.

"It is necessary for such a player to have taken part in more than one game under the jurisdiction of this Association. From Eastern's point of view it is obviously unfair to bring a man like that into the game. If it had been a League match it would not have been so important, for Kowloon have no chance, but this was the Challenge Shield competition, and if Kowloon had won I am sure there would have been much objection. The principle is entirely wrong."

"I do not know the conditions under which the player came out for the Corinthians, but he could not be approached for a month after his arrival and notice must then be given. Saturday's match was an important one. I am not a member of either club, but if Middlesex had gone down they would have had solid grounds for objection."

Competition Fixtures

Other members remarked that it was "bad form" and one said the player must have been very enthusiastic to have paid the registration fees, etc., for this one match.

Mr. C. H. Warren, Royal Navy, said it might have been an oversight. "Kowloon Football Club are after anybody they get, Army and Navy, etc. There is no question about that."

The Chairman: Strictly speaking he is not eligible for the League, and I think it is very regrettable that Kowloon played him.

Further discussion on the matter took place in which the Secretary stated he thought at the time the rules of the Association were complied with, as the player was registered.

It was unanimously agreed that the Corinthians had done much good to local football, and in this case there was no question of reflection on the player himself but only on the Kowloon Football Club. It was necessary to make a stand to prevent recurrence of the incident.

Other business of the Council was concerned with arranging the following fixtures:

Senior Shield Semi-Finals

South China "A" v. Middlesex at K.F.C. ground on March 22.

South China "B" v. Royal Navy at H.K.F.C. ground on March 27.

Junior Shield Semi-Final: Royal Navy v. Ordnance at S.C.A.A. ground on March 28.

Kwong Wah v. Portuguese S.A. at K.F.C. ground on March 27.

Lai Wah Cup Final

England v. China at Navy ground on March 13.

It was mentioned that an effort was being made to enable the Seaforth Highlanders to play off all their fixtures before they left for Shanghai.

The Sunday Herald Charity Cup, so far had realised \$2,971, exclusive of expenses.

The Chairman remarked that this was the last Council meeting to be attended by Mr. Warren, who was leaving for Home on April 4. He had worked in every way possible for the good of the Association, a fine example of his organising being found at the last Interport when he did wonders against adverse conditions. They were very grateful to him, and wished him the best of luck. This concluded the business.

Important Cricket Ties Last Saturday

(By "R. Abblit")

(Continued from Page 8.)

Leckie was very well caught on the boundary at long off while Kilbee trod on his wicket in the same over in playing a leg shot. The score sheet was wrong, although after speaking to Kilbee I took the trouble to point it out to the scorer!

After this reverse things did not go very well for the Club. Owen-Hughes was well caught at cover and with 60 on the board John Pearce was bowled by Rumjahn. (I should not mention that owing to indisposition Alec Pearce was unable to play—a bit of bad luck for the Club). Haynes and Ride, however, put a very much better complexion on things and it was not until the score had reached 117 that the former, having hit a big four to mid-wicket, tried to repeat the shot off the next ball and was well taken at long-on (117-0-27). Hayward came in and began to play a very nice free innings though one big drive of his was actually touched by long-on just before it hit the face of the cliff. At 134 Ride was very



Owen-Hughes
He swung the game round.

well stumped by Ismail after he had scored 24 runs. Hayward continued to score very well and after two failures (140-0-0). Dunnott not only kept his end up but hit one extremely good four past extra cover, a typical left-hander shot.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY

Ismail scored the first seven runs but was then taken in the slips by Hayward and a little later what was perhaps the Club's last chance of winning the game went, when Nazarin was dropped at the wicket of Owen-Hughes. He and Kitchell appeared to be quite at ease until after failing to find his length for some time Pearce yoked Nazarin. (57-2-30). By this time the light was very bad and a heavy drizzle set in and though sawdust was brought out, runs came freely as the bowlers obviously could not control the ball. At this time it looked as if the I.R.C. would pull the game off but at 94 Kitchell hit Pearce tremendously hard behind square leg and Hayward took an excellent catch just in front of the Pavilion (94-3-40). The rain cleared a bit, and after Mina had made several big hits Pearce bowled him (100-4-12). The score rose to 132 when ten minutes remained for play and then Owen-Hughes, who had gone on at the Tung Wah end bowled a great over in which he bowled Rahim and next ball got M. el Arculli magnificently caught on the square leg boundary by Ride who sprinted about ten yards to take the ball. The batsmen had changed ends and the ball afterwards Owen-Hughes completed his hat trick by getting A. H. Madar (25) caught at the wicket. Seven wickets were now down for 132 but time was drawing near, and 15 more runs were scored for the loss of A. M. Rumjahn's wicket. The match ended in a draw. The weather conditions were so unpleasant and difficult that it would be hardly fair to speculate on which side ought to have won.

In my article on Friday next I hope to deal with the rest of last Saturday's games.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Lai Wah Cup Final On Sunday

The following are the football fixtures for the week-end:

SATURDAY

First Division

Kowloon v. South China "B" (Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.).
South China "A" v. Club (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.).
St. Joseph's v. Seafarths (Causeway Bay, 4.30 p.m.).
Middlesex v. Police (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.).
Kowloon Chinese v. Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.).

Second Division

Kwong Wah v. 5th A.A. Bde. R.A. (Kowloon, 3 p.m.).
S. China v. Club (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.).
Middlesex v. Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.).
Eastern v. Engineers (Chinese) (St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.).
Engineers (E) v. Police (Military, H.V., 3 p.m.).

SUNDAY

Lai Wah Cup Final

Chinese v. Army (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.).
Referee: Smyth. Linesmen: Goss and Lawrence.

PRESTON TO PLAY VILLA IN F. A. CUP

London, Mar. 7.

The following is the draw in the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup to be played on March 20:
Preston North End v. Aston Villa. (at Sheffield).
York or Huddersfield v. Sunderland. (at Blackburn).

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BADMINTON TITLE

Results of matches in the badminton championships at Taikeo last night were:

Singles—P. H. Wong beat S. W. Clark 15-4, 15-4; P. K. Hui beat F. Tsang 15-1, 15-5.
Mixed doubles—J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro beat L. A. Carvalho and Miss A. C. Remedios 15-3, 15-7; M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths 15-6, 15-12.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 12th March, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12.15 p.m.
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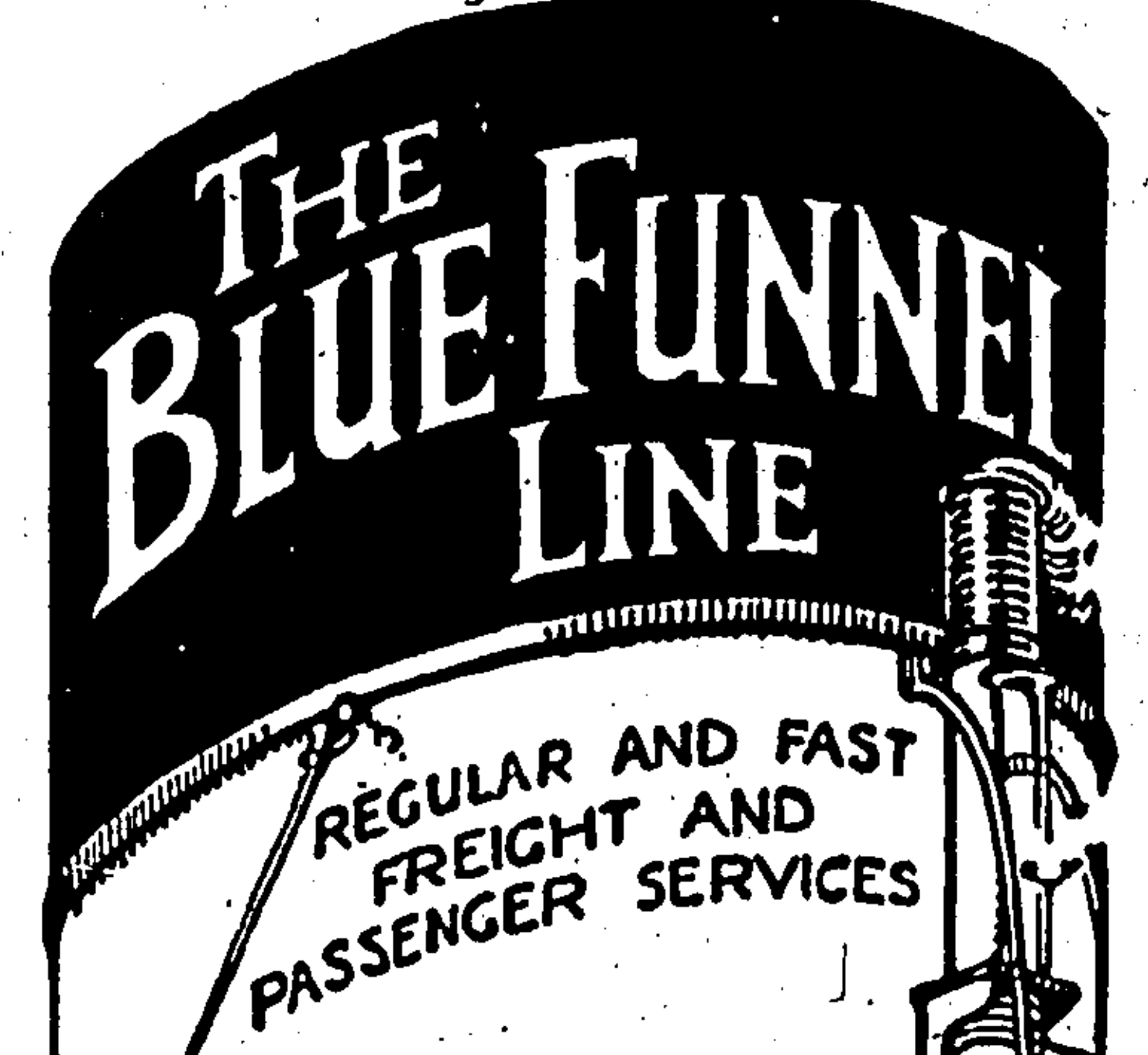
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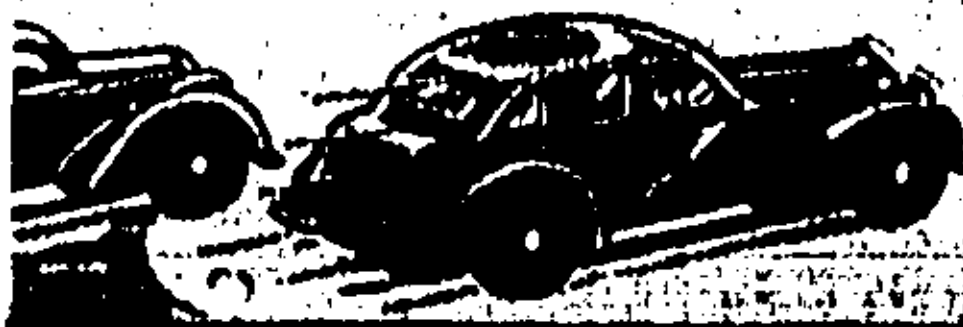
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Chapter One

The bells were all ringing. Beautiful sonoritas were leaning over balcony railings. The great cannon atop the tower was booming. It was the day of days in Madrid. Long and intense excitement had preceded that March morning in 1808. Never had the crowding of a new king been the signal for greater jubilation. Ferdinand the Seventh was a friend of the people, and was to bring Spain to greater glory than ever before. He was to rescue the land from the menacing shadow of Napoleon, across the Pyrenees, and to end the vicious cycle of political corruption.

Riding at the head of a festive martial procession, his dress uniform brilliant in scarlet and gold braid, the new monarch bowed to the plaudits of the throngs. His horse stepped daintily from one side of the street to the other, to avoid treading on outstretched arms and feet. Meantime Ferdinand's sharp Bourbon eyes took in the smiling maidens who strewed his way with freshly plucked bouquets. He was only twenty-four, and that interested him more, perhaps, than anything else.

The dancing and merry-making continued in unceasing volume long after the king had retired to the private domain of the palace. There were maskers, improvised floats, and the emptying of barrels after barrel of wine. As dusk crept over the joy-laden city, torchlight processions were organized.

Every restaurant in the city was brimming with laughter, music and toasts to Ferdinand. In one cafe, especially, was the celebration at its height. Here, in a low-ceilinged room, with great tables on which were piled high food and bottles of wine, danced Nina Azara, known throughout the country as "The

Firefly." Ravishingly beautiful, her dance was spirited, sophisticated, sensuous.

The eyes of the entire audience, mostly men, were fastened on Nina. Here and there, one saw a sprinkling of uniformed French officers. The one man in the cafe not attracted by Nina's dancing was a Frenchman. Sitting alone at a small table near a doorway, he regarded inwardly as Nina smiled at those around her.

Mad applause greeted the conclusion of the dance. And cheering most enthusiastically, Don Diego, a handsome young Spaniard who sat near the dance floor. As she passed him on her way to the corridor, Nina flashed the Spaniard a wary glance of appreciation.

Etienne could stand no more. Glowering furiously, he slammed his glass to the table, spilling its contents. Quickly he proceeded Nina into the corridor. As she entered the hallway he grabbed her arm. He demanded the name of the man who was more attractive to her than he. In his burning remembrance, she turned her back and walked away.

In her dressing room, Lola, Nina's faithful maid, who had watched the proceedings, was anxious. Despite her own anxiety, however, Nina assured her she would take care of the situation.

"It would be awful if anything happened to the Marquis," Lola said.

"Don't worry. Nothing will happen to him," Nina promised.

Throwing aside all thoughts of Etienne's jealousy, Nina adjusted her exquisite shawl, and her fan high and started forth for her next song as the music struck up again. The audience went wild at her reappearance.

"What she sang, she walked between the tables, flirting deliberately and indiscriminately with the men. As she approached the table where Don Diego sat, she suddenly stretched out her hand and took him in it, pulling her around to face him. His features relaxed in a boyish grin.

Nina started to pull her hand away when, for the first time, she looked closely at him. A thought came to her mind. Here was a good-looking young man, one who might be able to imagine to be his successor. Here was a chance to throw the Frenchman off the trail.

With a quick glance to assure herself that Etienne was watching, she started to sing solely to the Spaniard, concentrating all her charm upon him. From the corner of her eye she saw Etienne stiffen. Nina was beginning to enjoy this new romance blossoming before her eyes.

As Nina's song came to a finish,

Don Diego jumped up, unable to restrain his enthusiasm. He quickly lifted Nina onto one of the big tables, himself standing on the long bench beside her. Nina was delighted at the manner in which Don Diego was making himself conspicuous. Their heads were almost on a level above the rest of the crowd. And now, to put a crowning touch to the impression she wanted to convey to Etienne, Nina took Don Diego's face in her hands. Deliberately, she gave him a passionate kiss, full on the lips.

The crowd cheered and laughed with delight. Etienne was by now livid with rage. Impetuously, he started making his way toward Nina, but the waiter stopped him, thrusting his bill under his nose. Etienne furiously tore it to bits.

While Nina, laughing, lightly jumped down from the table and ran from the room, Don Diego reached over and took a guitar from the hands of one of the musicians. Full of joy, he started to sing a Spanish love song.

Nina paused for a moment, glancing back toward the young Spaniard. Etienne in the meantime walked quickly over to another table where sat two French officers. He whispered to them, and the three stood up and walked out together. Having finished his song, Don Diego, preceded by an obsequious waiter, proceeded toward the doorway leading toward the corridor. Silently the waiter indicated the dressing room beyond. Within, Lola motioned Nina to the window. "Senorita," she whispered, "come here and look."

From where they stood they could see Etienne, with his comrades, on the street just outside the cafe.

"He's waiting," Lola said.

Nina thought for a moment. Then, "Pull the curtains," she ordered. "Now go and get that Spanish boy."

"But senorita," Lola protested.



"Get him," Nina repeated firmly. "But he's so young."

"I can't help it. I've got to get rid of that Frenchman."

Just then there was a knock at the door. Lola opened the door to a smiling and happy Don Diego.

"May I speak to the senorita?" he asked with charming bow.

"Come in, senor. Come in," Nina called cordially. "We were just talking about you."

Don Diego's eyes were devouring Nina's beauty.

"May I present myself? Don Diego Manrique de Lara. Of course, I realize that it's a little late for introductions, but I haven't seen you in Madrid before."

"I've been waiting the whole of my life up till now..." Nina said to Lola meaningfully. Then, turning back to Don Diego, she said: "You have a family there?"

"No, no father or mother?"

"No," Don Diego said with a smile. "No one to care whether I live or die."

"Perhaps it's just as well," said Nina. "Would you like a glass of wine, senor?"

"Yes—I was hoping you would come with me, and have some supper," Don Diego replied.

Absent-mindedly, knowing they would never get that far, Nina said, "Supper? Why, yes... Yes."

Don Diego watched her, entranced. "This is like a dream," he exclaimed. "I can't yet believe that I'm really here. That I am talking to you. That in a minute I shall be walking out there with you on my arm."

For a moment Nina regretted her ruthlessness. Briefly, she attempted to dissuade him from staying there. But the Spaniard was adamant. He was smiling when she took his arm. As they came into the street, Etienne, in a fury, started to draw his sword. But his comrades restrained him. Instead, one of them approached Diego and bowed stiffly. Don Diego appeared a bit bewildered by this procedure.

"Monseigneur Capitaine feels that he has been grossly insulted," the French officer stated.

"Did he say what would satisfy him?" Diego demanded.

"The Frenchman was not amused. 'The usual place, the usual weapons, at dawn.'"

"Dawn?" Don Diego started to protest, with a quick look at Nina. "Couldn't he make it a little later?"

The Frenchman didn't even deign to answer Don Diego. Thrusting a card into the Spaniard's hand, he said quietly:

"Your records can find me here!"

(To be continued)

BOOKS—edited by ROGER PIPPETT

He Looked for UTOPIA..

EUGENE LYONS, American newspaperman, was "assigned to Utopia" in 1928. In other words, he was sent to Moscow by United Press as its correspondent. He worked there until 1934.

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Many anti-Soviet books have been written by anti-Socialists. They could be piled mountain high, and their shade would chill no Socialist. For such authors hate the Soviet Union because of fear that it is or is becoming a Socialist country.

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EUGENE LYONS found a "trapped nation"

DOUBTS

For it is written by a man who has come to feel, in deep emotional stress, that what exists in the Soviet Union is not Socialism, and who judges that its chance of ever becoming so grows less.

Lyons grew up in grim poverty on New York's East Side. From his boyhood he was a Socialist.

He was among the first to leap to the long defence of Sacco and Vanzetti, whose biographer he became. He edited Soviet Russia Pictorial. From 1924 till 1928 he worked for Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

Almost from the moment of his arrival in Moscow doubt crept in. It was not the poverty, though that was pretty bad.

REALITIES

It was the Terror, the Red Press, the secret police, the sudden disappearances after "they" had called, the crammed jails, Siberia and the Far North, forced labour, the "liquidation" of the Kulaks.

It was the Kremlin's disregard for human life and human values, the gruesome abject "trials" and the screaming sadness of old Communists, the absence of one single free voice in all Russia.

It was the slower intellectual discovery that nationalisation without democracy is but a new power in the hands of the dictators—that a dictatorship, however

immense its economic achievements, is still a dictatorship.

At first, as so many would, he put his doubts aside. But they crept crowding back at each new outrage upon Socialism, "the eternal dream of equality and justice." Then the dull, irresistible pain and final agony of disillusionment.

Then the feeling that still one must not "sell" because that played into Fascist hands—a feeling conquered at last by the conviction that it was Stalin himself who played into Fascist hands by using Fascist methods, and that Socialists, by remaining silent, only made matters worse for the free Socialist Movement.

And at last this: "I had gone to Russia believing there were good dictatorships and bad. I left convinced that defending one dictatorship is, in fact, defending the principle of tyranny."

No Complaints Against Ruth

IF anyone has a case for misrepresentation in fiction, it is the schoolmistress, who is usually staged as a frumpish, bespectacled, sex-starved, bullying little despot, the Wicked Fairy of the old pantomimes with a pointer for a wand.

The three teachers that I happen to know personally are still bursting with vitality after years of classroom routine. They are even more bored than I am at seeing themselves in novelists' distorting mirrors—and they will be relieved to read Ruth Adam's new tale, *I'm Not Complaining* (Chapman and Hall, 7s. 6d.).

For this is everyday existence as the staff of a school in a northern industrial town knows it. Busy, believable mistresses. Lanky children, with extraordinarily sure voices. Agitated and argumentative parents. Inquisitive inspectors. Work. Love. Living.

Likes and Dislikes

And, beyond their little island of order and quietness, "where the three hundred voices hum with the steady monotony of bees in a hive, is the maze of mean streets and dark yards swarming up to the green-painted fence like the jungle round an outpost of civilisation."

While I read, I lived on that island. I liked some of the people there. And I hated some of them, especially that handsome, arm-twisting policeman. Now and then the pace gets a little too hot and the air too feverish. But, I dare say, schools seem like that occasionally to the teachers.

Anyway, Miss Adam has thrown those distorting mirrors away and been content to parade her islanders as they are without pretentiousness. Which leaves her easily top of her class.

★ ★

HAVING had our fling at those sturdy Aunt Sallies, the Victorians, we are, I gather, beginning to appreciate their good points. Indeed, *Lady of the Shire*, the latest novel of Gerald Bullett's latest novel, *The Bending Stick* (Dent, 7s. 6d.), is brighter and younger than any of your Bright Young Things.

A vicar's daughter, she amused

and excited herself as a girl by writing a romance called *Cynthia Carstairs*; or *The Rainbow Wooming*, which featured (she would easily forgive the word) a certain ineffable Lord Roger.

Then marriage came to her. And unhappiness. She grew wiser with the years, was widowed, married again and found happiness with her second husband. Thereafter life never lost its interest for her. She was a grandmother. There was so much to see and do and learn.

And then a publisher discovered her forgotten book and decided to revive it and expose it to "the affectionate derision of the nine-teen-thirties." "A perfect period piece," the critics would say. "A miracle of ingenious absurdity."

"My beautiful Lord Roger," she said. "How they'll laugh at me! What fun it will be!"

The Bending Stick is what used to be known as a Pastoral Novel. And, nowadays, most pastoral novels pass most of us by. But Mr. Bullett has the touch. His story rises like an arch in some old, weather-beaten farm which has seen hundreds of seasons come and go.

I hope it will survive a few seasons, too. R. P.

★ ★ THRILLERS

PAUL McGUIRE, not much more than a beginner at this sort of thing, comes out top of the week's list of detective stories with *W.I.* (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.).

He provides a singular mysteriously dead in a night club, a trail of breaking-in and killings-off and a quite satisfactory Flying Squad chase and round-up.

But mainly you'll like meeting police who know about police work, crooks who seem credible and even lovers who are neither bores nor simpering.

Lynn Brock, reappearing at last, also still knows how to write. *The Silver Sickle Case* (Collins, 7s. 6d.), with queer goings on at yet another night club, runs close for second place. Lots of good detecting, but a trifle too much of a tangle at the end. P. E. H.

As long as the Shaws and Barbusse condemned political murder and mass exile and the crushing of human decades in one place and for one cause, they were supporting those methods in all places and for all causes.

"Socialism emptied of its humanitarian impulses... advances no argument which Fascism cannot duplicate."

"Already it has brought the idea of Socialism into disrepute by cutting off all its associations with the accumulated treasures of human freedom."

TRUTHS

"Those who defend such a Socialism are essentially reactionary. If the certainty of a full belly is to be made the only goal of Socialism (and Russia or any other country may attain that goal in time) then the inmates of Sing Sing are already living under Socialism."

"I had the sense of leaving behind me a nation trapped. The fact that these things had come to pass under the banner of 'Socialism' only made them more ghastly. The word Socialism, the eternal dream of equality and justice, was also trapped."

Read this book if you love Socialism—for it is a great book, written with unquenched idealism as its driving power, and with life as its raw material. I think it will make you feel how little can be learnt from library studies of institutions and constitutions, even when they are of the high academic quality of the Webbs' "Soviet Communism." R. F.

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JAPANESE WARSHIPS IN SOUTH

New Fleet Arrives In Kwangtung Waters

Canton, Mar. 6.

Japan's South China patrol, the 11th flotilla, has been replaced gradually by the 10th flotilla which in time of peace acts as the Formosa coast guard. The Tai Chung news agency reports that most of the newly arrived warships are larger than those which have left for Formosa and the present fleet is larger than the former by six or seven ships. Watchers report that marines have come with the new fleet, whereas there had been none with warships of the past weeks.

Four warships on March 3 took positions off Swatow, and one large cruiser is patrolling off Swabue. Near the island of Samcho (Chungshan district) are three Japanese warships, from which over 1,000 marines landed. A transport has also brought to Samcho 500 Koreans, who do the rough work for the Japanese. It has been noted that fishermen's houses on the island have been razed to give more space for military works. The 200 sailors comprising the Island Garrison have been taken back to Formosa.

When the first of the war vessels of this 10th flotilla came off the coast of Sanwei on February 28 there were nine fishing boats out from the shore. Probably because of the danger that reports of the strength of the flotilla might be carried back, this report continues, all the small craft were out on the

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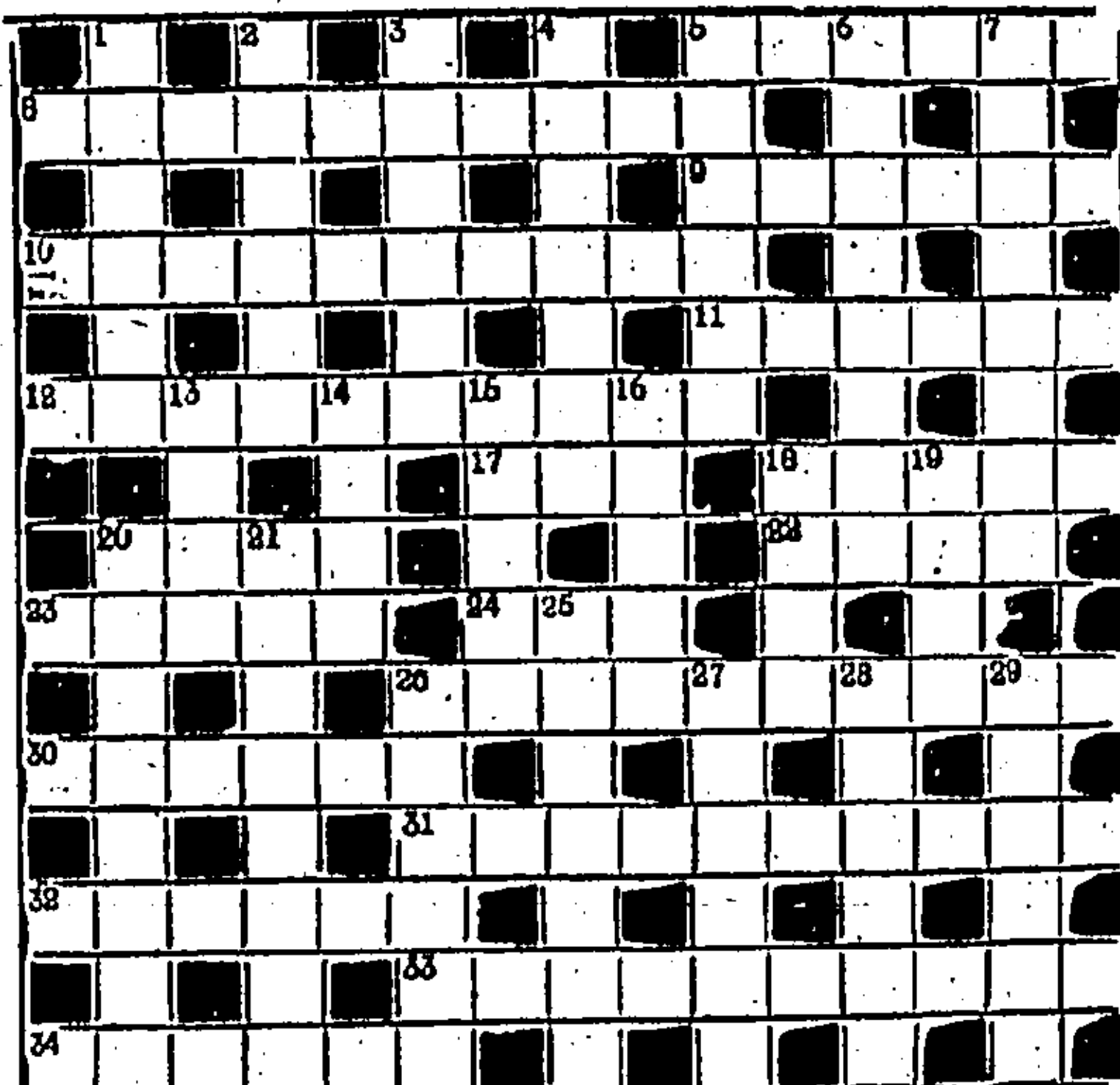
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ACROSS

- 5 This scientist's end was no loss, apparently (6).
- 8 "Never eat it" (anag.) (10).
- 9 It is half laughable, but may be poisonous to eat (6).
- 10 In this kind of house one faces west at the second half (10).
- 11 One of the U.S.A. (6).
- 12 Favourable location for roundabout amusements (two words—4, 6).
- 17 This fit is no loss (3).
- 18 A condition by no means singular in America (5).
- 20 A game (4).
- 22 Part of a peace demand, possibly (4).
- 23 To do this has a refreshing result (5).
- 24 Less than half a million (3).
- 25 To the unfortunate who is thus alone a time of misfortune (10).
- 30 Do woman's work also for military occasion (6).
- 31 Not in a hurry (10).
- 32 No popular food for motorists (6).
- 33 Begotten (10).
- 34 To go wrong in height brings strong emotion (6).

DOWN

- 1 A foreign capital (6).
- 2 If this is bad in steel it is liable to snap! (6).
- 3 Communication that suggests the house-agent (6).
- 4 Port breaks the bar up in a very short time (7).
- 5 Fed up with the finish, but still realist (6).
- 6 Much the same as 23 across (8).

- 7 Flood (8).
- 13 This has the end of 15 down on (4).
- 14 Mostly not a high shine (4).
- 15 A lost source of mineral wealth (5).
- 16 What sounds like a reason for postponing certainly highlinded (9).
- 18 This fish is no gentleman when it loses its head (4).
- 19 A tool (4).
- 20 Part with final speed (8).
- 21 An instructive speaker (6).
- 25 Form of service (7).
- 26 Nurse (6).
- 27 Bringing observation to bear, but not with part of 29 down (6).
- 28 The most suitable part of the house for joint occupation (6).
- 29 A noun, but of active voice (5).

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER GOES TO THE PEAK SCHOOL SPORTS



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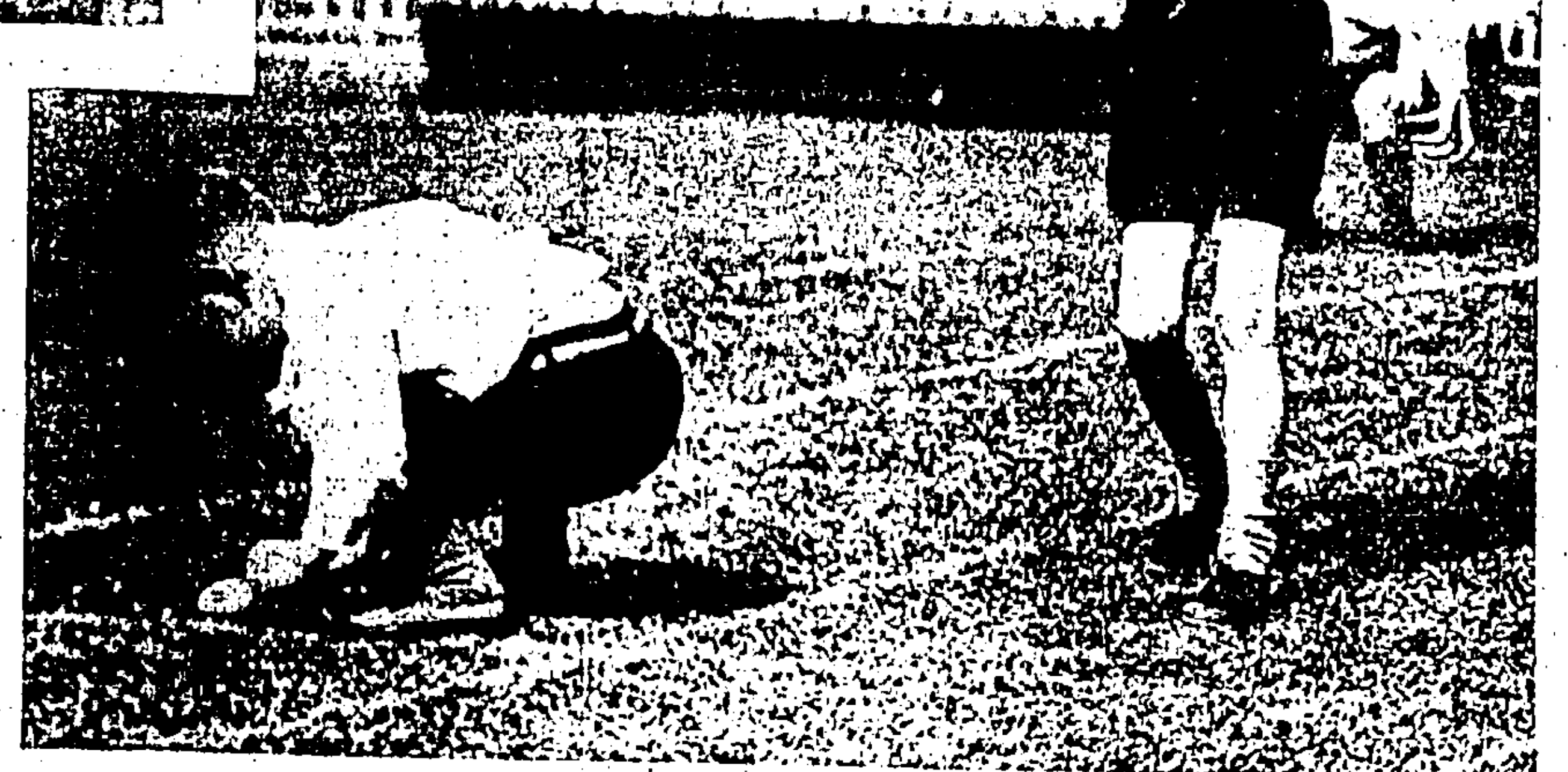
THESE TWO SISTERS are obvious to the world, photographer included, as they make short work of the ice-creams distributed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.



ON-LOOKERS.—Their school-mates, participating in one of the events, were responsible for the rapt expressions. Or may be it was the ice-creams.



PHOTOGRAPHERS PHOTOGRAPHED!—"Fond parents" snapped by the Staff Photographer as they were photographing some of the participants in the School Sports.



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27 Lost In Trawler Disasters TATTOO MARKS ON DEAD MAN BRING NEWS

TWENTY-SEVEN men were last month given up for lost in two trawler disasters—15 in the Grimsby trawler Leicestershire off the Orkneys and 12 in the Fleetwood boat Bostonian in the Atlantic.

Tattoo marks on the arm of a man whose body was washed ashore at Hoy, Orkney, yesterday confirmed fears that the Leicestershire had foundered.

The man was identified yesterday as Harold Burditt, a trimmer in the vessel, by his mother, who said that her son had tattooed on one arm a swallow holding a letter in its beak and on the other with the initial "M."—for Muriel, a girl with whom Burditt had been keeping company.

Four other bodies were washed up at Hoy, one of them being the 22-year-old wireless operator, R. O. Morland, of Fleetwood, who was married six months ago.

YOUNG WIFE'S VIGIL

His 20-year-old wife had, during the voyage, been receiving messages from her husband by radio.

The only other clue to the Leicestershire's fate is a panel of a wireless set, also washed up on Hoy, which bears the number of the set fitted in the ship.

The Leicestershire set out for the fishing grounds on January 7, and the last heard of her was early on Friday morning, when she was in touch with Wick radio station and reported her position as 30 miles north-west of Sule Skerry, an island in the Orkney group.

Her master, Skipper A. Evans, was making his first trip in the vessel.

TWO HUSBANDS LOST

Twenty-nine-year-old Mrs. Evans, who has three children under 11, is widowed for the second time. Her first husband having been drowned when he dived overboard from a trawler to try to save a comrade.

Another member of the crew, J. Connelly, died four years and a day after his younger brother met his death in a sinking trawler. His mother has now given two sons and a husband to the sea. Her third and only surviving son is in the Navy.

Naval Talks Continuing Informally

London, Mar. 8. Concurrently with informal discussions between British, French and American naval experts in London on the question of Japanese naval building, it is understood that informal talks have also taken place in Tokyo, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The result of the London talks naturally will be affected by the outcome of any enquiries in Tokyo, but neither set of conversations has yet reached a sufficiently concrete stage for any announcement.—Reuter.

MCNUTT LEAVES FOR FAR EAST ON MARCH 23

New York, Mar. 8. Mr. Paul McNutt, Philippines Commissioner, arrived in New York to-day and will probably return to-morrow for a conference at the White House.

A San Francisco message says that Mr. McNutt has now booked to return to the Philippines by the Hawaii Clipper on March 23, instead of March 9.—United Press.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 7.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	9.06/07	9.10/11
July	9.13/14	9.17/17
Oct.	9.22/21	9.26/27
Dec.	9.21/21	9.26/26
Jan.	9.24/24	9.28 N
Spot		9.10

New York Rubber

	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Dec.	Jan.
14.47 / 47	14.00/75a	14.55b/58a	14.76 / 80	14.06 / 66	14.87 / 88	14.82 / 82
15.01b	14.99b/15.03a					
15.05 N						

Chicago Wheat

	May	July	Sept.
89 1/4 / 89 1/4	88 3/4 / 88 3/4	84 1/4 / 84 1/4	85 / 85

Saturday's Sales—16,930,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	May	July	Sept.
59 1/4 / 59 1/4	60 1/4 / 60 1/4	61 1/4 / 61 1/4	

Winnipeg Wheat

	May	July	Sept.
122 1/2 / 122 1/2	121 / 121	133 1/2 / 133 1/2	93 1/4 / 93 1/4

Steward A. Blyth changed from the trawler Northern Chief, which Evans formerly commanded, to remain with his favourite skipper. "I am sailing with him for life," he told his wife as he said "Good-bye."

HOPE FOR 12 GIVEN UP

Wives, sweethearts and relatives of the 12 members of the crew of the Fleetwood trawler Bostonian were told that the owners of the boat had given up hope of her return.

A few, however, still hoped against hope, and gathered again, forlornly on the quayside to watch the twinkling lights at sea. But they saw no sign of the missing vessel.

The Bostonian left Fleetwood for the fishing grounds in the North Atlantic 800 miles away nearly three months ago.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio: Bontekoe, Halice, Mirzapore, Haruna Maru, Alster, Tainan, Pingwo, Taiyuan, Conte Verde, Saharnhorst, Empress Of Russia, Norviken, Lieuwollland, Empress Of Japan, Ensis, Comorin, President Jackson, Hector, and Talma.

STOP PRESS

ATTLEE ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF BETRAYAL

London, Mar. 7. Major Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, in the course of the House of Commons debate on the defence estimates declared: "We have embarked on a system of alliances and the Premier has offended the spirit of a vast number of people. They are willing to stand for the League, but they are not willing to be dragged into another war of alliances."

Sir Thomas Inskip, winding up the debate, emphasised that there was scarcely a point in the Imperial defence policy that was not from week to week the subject of a very searching review. He said that the vast majority of Britain's air squadrons were fully equipped. "By March 1939, we shall have 1,750 up-to-date first-line planes of the highest possible power and capacity. The balloon barrage for London is organised in ten squadrons. Three out of four depots for storage and administration will be completed very shortly, and four-fifths of the balloons and all the winches have been delivered," said Sir Thomas.—Reuter.



Count Taaffe, who is rumoured as successor to Eamon de Valera as president of Eire, photographed with his wife at the home of the Countess's father in Dublin.

Parliament's Tribute To Seaman

Death Of A. B. Long Raises Questions In Commons

London, Mar. 7. Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, voiced the regret of the House of Commons at the death of A. B. George Long, which occurred when H.M.S. Kempenfeld and H.M.S. Boreas were picking up and transferring Balearics survivors to the Canaries yesterday. He said that A. B. Long had been deemed killed in action.

Mr. D. Sandys (Cons) asked if it was necessary that British lives should be risked in the work of transshipping rescued seamen back to a belligerent warship.

Mr. Shakespeare said that in carrying out the rescue, the British Navy acted in accordance with the finest tradition.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Lab.) asked why such rescued seamen were not interned, and Mr. Shakespeare said the Government did not take the view that they were bound by the obligations of neutrality.—Reuter.

JAPAN PROTEST AGAINST NON- CHINESE FLIERS

Resents Assistance Given To China

Peking, Mar. 7. The Japanese sponsored Peking Chronicle in reproducing Shanghai reports that Vincent Schmidt is heading foreign volunteers adds that it is understood the Japanese Government will lodge a protest, reserving claims for damage by foreign pilots.

In an editorial attacking foreign nations for permitting their nationals to serve in the Chinese air force, the paper says that it is illegal for Americans, British and French, while the Soviet violate international law, to commit an act of war involving their country. In Hankow, the American Embassy must be embarrassed by the sight of American citizens employed in active aerial warfare against a friendly power. It says that the German advisers in China are in a different category since they were employed prior to the outbreak of hostilities and after that they were not engaged in direct operations against Japan.—United Press.

WIN FOR KITTIWAKE

Sirius Also Scores In Yacht Club Events

Kittiwake and Sirius took leading places in the second series of the seventh women's race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over a course of 0.8 miles. "A" class started at 14.45 and mixed classes at 14.50.

"A" Class

Kittiwake	Finished	Corrd.	Pos.	Pts.
Miss P. M. King	10.05.01		1	12
Artemis	10.53.32		2	11
Jeau	10.56.39		3	10
Gull	10.57.21		4	9
Carpenter	10.57.57		5	8
Tran	10.58.12		6	7
Eve	10.58.32		7	6
Teal	10.59.51		8	5
Nerid	11.01.44		9	4
Redbank	11.02.00		10	3
Letitia	11.02.00		11	2
Sirius	11.02.19		12	1
Widgeon	11.02.23		13	0
Erly	11.02.23		14	0
Zepp	11.02.23		15	0
Heron	11.02.23		16	0

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Assassination Causes Great Sensation

Hankow, Mar. 7. The assassination of Gen. Chow Feng-chi in Shanghai yesterday has caused a great sensation here. It had long been understood that Chow was negotiating with the Japanese with a view to taking a post in the proposed Japanese new governments.

It is presumed that the murderers were members of Chinese patriotic bodies in Shanghai, who were determined to get rid of him as a traitor. Chow was aged 58.

A French official police report states that the murderers escaped into the Chinese quarter. The French employed Chinese police were 200 yards away at the time of the shooting, but these, after giving pursuit, failed to trace the murderers.

The report adds that a writ was issued against Chow as far back as 1932 by the Central Government for activities against the fundamental security of the Chinese State.—Reuter.

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60 SNATCHED FROM DEATH AT SEA

SALVAGE CREW FROM WARSHIP WINS STRUGGLE

Captain and Pretty Daughter Among Survivors of Wreck

CAPETOWN SAVES ALL BUT 9 WHO SWAM FOR SHORE

For the second time in two years, a 21-year-old French girl, Miss Yolande Bertin, is the central figure in a shipwreck adventure off the China coast.

Her father is the owner-captain of the 3,859-ton French steamer Yolande, which was named after her.

The Yolande went ashore on the Shantung Promontory, near Weihaiwei, at 1 a.m. on Saturday morning. It is now a total wreck.

Although heavy seas continuously pounded the ship, Captain Bertin informed H.M.S. Sandwich that no assistance was immediately required.

Early on Sunday morning, however, the Yolande commenced to break up. An S.O.S. was sent to the British naval authorities in Weihaiwei, and the 4,200-ton cruiser Capetown (Capt. C. Coppinger, D.S.C.), was immediately despatched to the scene of the wreck.

Heavy north-easterly swells made it impossible to effect the rescue of the crew from seaward.

A salvage party from the Capetown was despatched on Sunday to Yung Ching Bay, inside the promontory, and marched across the promontory to Betty Cove.

All efforts to pass a line to the spray-covered ship on Sunday failed, and an additional salvage party was landed from H.M.S. Capetown early yesterday morning.

After several failures, a line was successfully passed to the ship shortly before 11 a.m. One end of the line was tied around the rocks on the shore in Betty Cove and the other made fast to the ship, the fore-part of which had already disappeared.

ASHORE IN BREECHES BUOY

Utilising an improvised breeches buoy, the surviving crew, totalling four Europeans and 54 Chinese in addition to Captain Bertin and his daughter, were landed one by one on the beach.

The Europeans insisted on remaining aboard the ship until the last, and Captain Bertin was the last man to be brought ashore.

Twenty-two survivors, including Miss Bertin, were landed by 12.30 p.m., and by 3.30 p.m. the entire operation was successfully completed. The Capetown's salvage party and survivors from the ship were forced to trek four miles across country to Yung Ching Bay, inside the sheltered portion of the promontory, from where they were taken off to H.M.S. Capetown.

SWAM THROUGH SURF

In addition to the 60 people rescued by H.M.S. Capetown, four Chinese (Continued on Page 7.)

United States To Protect Alaskan Seas

Washington, Mar. 7. Despite Tokyo advice that Japan has abandoned a fishing exploration and cruise of Alaskan waters, the Coast Guard authorities announced that they are assigning to the Bering Sea a patrol of eight cutters, including the Spencer, Hamilton and Ingham, the most powerful and fastest of such craft. They are equipped with five-inch guns and depth charges.

The patrol begins on April 20. Meanwhile, Representative Diamond has urged the U.S. extending United States jurisdiction over the "Continental Shelf."—United Press.

Man Who Saved War Refugees Visiting Here

Father Jacquinet, the man responsible for the saving of at least 200,000 Chinese lives by the formation of a Refugee Zone in Nantao, arrived here from Shanghai on board the Tlingara this morning for a brief visit.

He was accompanied by Mr. W. H. Plant, Manager of the U.S. Steel Corporation and a member of the Refugee Committee.

Fr. Jacquinet on his arrival declined to make any comment on his visit or reasons for leaving Shanghai. He will be returning north in about a week.

Mr. Plant is here on his company's business, as well as to aid Fr. Jacquinet, and will leave in about 10 days time.

CANTON NOT MOLESTED

Canton, Mar. 8. Canton has just passed one of its quietest weeks since the outbreak of hostilities. With the exception of an aerial visitation on Sunday, in which the main objective appeared to be the Bocca Tigris, Japanese planes have been absent.

Chinese reports of a concentration of Japanese warships off Fokien, and similar rumours, failed to excite the local populace. Chinese officials, and also foreign sources, expect a further respite, and in this connection the rainy weather doubtless will be an important consideration on the part of the Japanese.

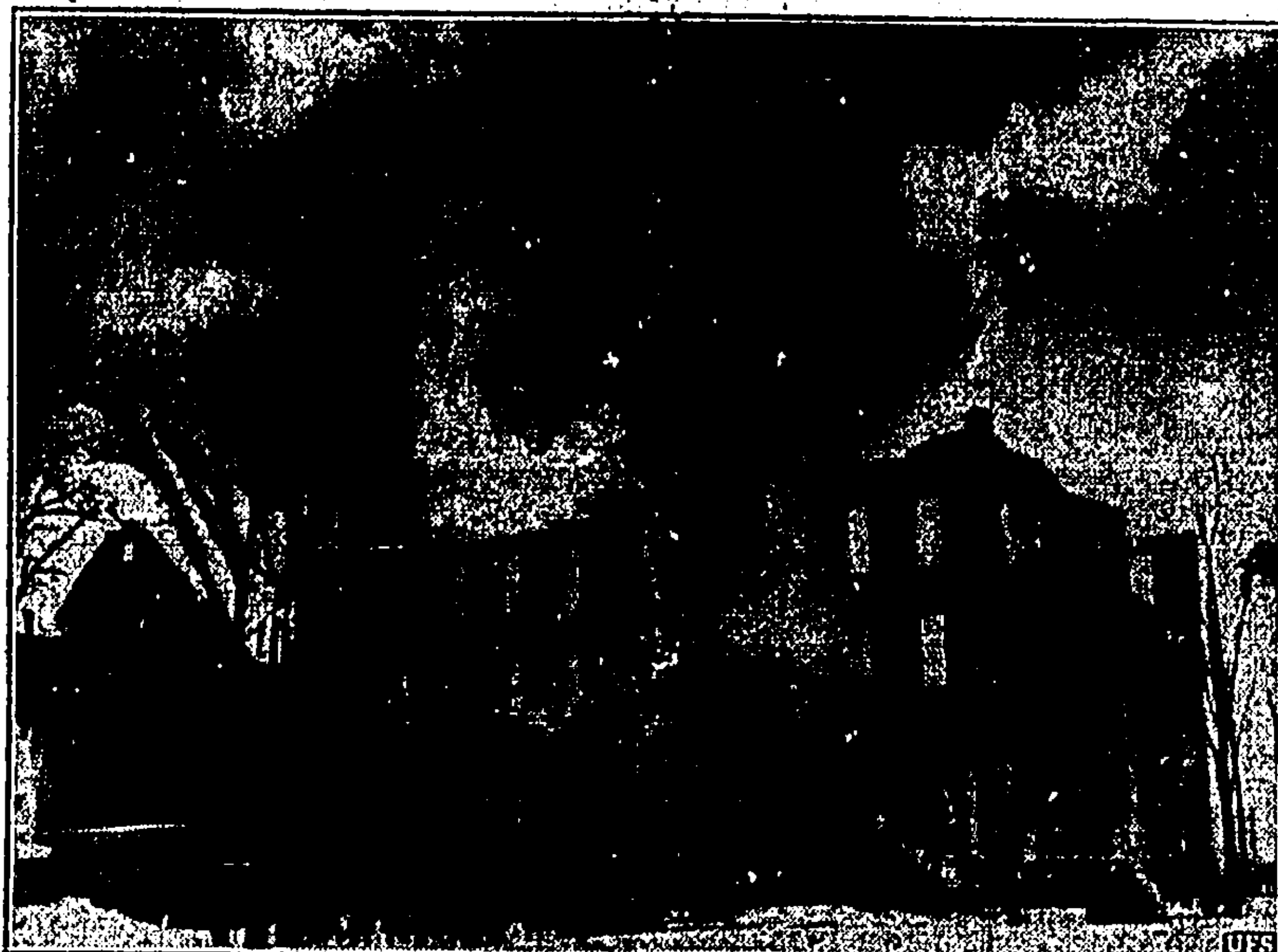
Although the city is carrying on almost normally, a report from a magistrate in a country district confirms that military activity and defence preparation are proceeding apace.—Reuter.

KEPT OPIUM DIVAN

Fines totalling \$165 with the alternative of four months' imprisonment, were passed at Central Magistracy to-day on Tui Sai, 35, unemployed, when he pleaded guilty to charges of possession of prepared opium in a house at Tai Yuen Street, and keeping the address as an opium divan.

Many Japanese Killed in Chinese Traps

45 DIED IN THESE FLAMES



Flames swept through the old College of the Sacred Heart at Ste. Hyacinthe, near Montreal, recently. Seventeen young students' bodies had been removed from the wreckage when this photograph was taken; 28 other boys and lay brothers were missing. Survivors leaped from windows in their pyjamas, into a night ten degrees below zero.

600 DIE IN LOST WARSHIP

Gibraltar, Mar. 8.

The death roll on the Spanish insurgent cruiser Balacera, which was torpedoed on Sunday, is estimated at 600, including the Admiral, Commander and senior officers.

The heaviness of the casualty list is ascribed to the crew's refusal to obey the signals of the British destroyers, Kempenfelt and Boreas, to jump overboard.

The destroyers rescued about 200 men with life-belts and in boats.—Reuter.

Four Mail Planes Out Of Colony In One Day

For the first time in the Colony's short aviation history, four air mails left Kai Tak for different destinations to-day.

They are on their way to London, America, Chungking and Hankow.

Details of the mails are: Imperial Airways left for Bangkok and London at 11 a.m. with 621 lbs. of mail; Pan-American Airways Clipper left for Manila and America at 6.30 a.m. with 132 lbs. of mail; China National Aviation Corporation left for Chungking at 8 a.m. with 34 lbs. of mail; Eurasia Aviation Corporation left for Hankow at 11 a.m. with 300 lbs. of mail.

AMERICA HAS 17 TRADE PACTS

Washington, Mar. 7. The United States to-day signed a reciprocal trade pact with Czechoslovakia, bringing the total number of pacts to 17.—United Press.

QUESTIONS GOVERNMENT ON SECURITY OF H. K. IN EVENT OF ATTACK

Two matters pertaining indirectly to the present Sino-Japanese conflict will engage the attention of the Legislative Council at the meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Of outstanding interest will be the request by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo to Government to publish or to state the reasons for not publishing, the local Commission's inquiry into the alleged sinking of a fishing junk fleet by a submarine near Hongkong on September 21 last year.

The huge supplies of oil fuel at present in Hongkong are considered a possible menace to safety in the event of an attack on the Colony and the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan is requesting that they be removed to outlying districts.

The agenda is as follows: The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:

1. Will Government state what is the number of liquid fuel storage tanks in the immediate vicinity of residential districts, both Hongkong and Kowloon, giving the number separately and their respective localities?

2. Does Government agree that these tanks are potential sources of danger to the localities, either from accidental fire or from destructive missiles in time of war?

3. If the answer to question (2) is in the affirmative, will Government consider the desirability of removing the tanks as speedily as possible to outlying districts, where they will not constitute a source of danger to the public?

JUNK ENQUIRY
The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:

With reference to the Commission appointed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government on October 7, 1937, for the purpose of enquiring into and establishing "the facts in relation to the alleged sinking of certain fishing junks the survivors of which were" (Continued on Page 7.)

Week Ending	Daily Average
Jan. 8	4
Jan. 15	4
Jan. 22	7
Jan. 29	17
Feb. 5	14
Feb. 12	23
Feb. 19	32
Feb. 26	24
Current	27

Many of the cases included in yesterday's returns should have been included in those for the week-end of Feb. 26-27, since the commencement of the epidemic. This is how it has varied:

MECHANISED FORCES CUT TO PIECES BY FEROCIOUS GUERILLAS

Desperate Fighting Still Continuing in Shantung And Honan Provinces

Hsuechow, Mar. 8.

Trapped by the Chinese guerilla troops in the hills at Hsiachwang, near Lini, on the right flank of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 500 men of a Japanese mechanised unit are reported to have been practically wiped out.

Fourteen armoured cars, three field pieces, 700 rifles, and a large quantity of ammunition were seized whilst three other armoured cars were destroyed.

Another Japanese column was ambushed at Kehkou on the Yi River in east Shantung, suffering some 200 casualties.

Overtures Of Peace Offered?

Japanese May Be Making Fresh Approach

Shanghai, Mar. 8.

Officials at the Japanese Consulate-General intimate that some effort towards renewing peace talks between Japan and China has been made.

Commenting on the statement in the Diet by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, that a third power was seeking to establish Sino-Japanese peace negotiations, they admitted that efforts to promote such deliberations were under way.

However, they were unable to guess the identity of the third power mentioned by Mr. Hirota. In fact, they did not believe any third power was involved. For it has been one of the points of Japan's policy that she will tolerate no intervention of any sort, direct or indirect, in the Sino-Japanese dispute.

The officials refused to expand this statement, but observers believe it indicates that the Japanese themselves are making an effort to negotiate with the Chinese authorities. It is a fact to be noted that the new Japanese Minister-at-Large, Mr. Masayuki Tani, former Minister to Austria, arrived in Shanghai Saturday.—United Press.

China Will Win

Changsha, Mar. 8.

"Even if the worst should come, the National Government were only able to retain the control of Kiangsu, a greater part of Shensi, the whole of Szechwan, Yunnan, Kwichow, and Kwantung in the south-west and a part of Kwangtung and Hunan, China would still be able to continue offering resistance and would win the final victory."

General Chang Chih-chung, Governor of Hunan, who was the first commanding officer of the Chinese forces defending the Shanghai-Woosung area immediately after the outbreak of the current Sino-Japanese hostilities, made this declaration in the course of a speech at the weekly memorial service of the Hunan Provincial Government last Monday.

It is impossible to say how many troops Japan will need and how much time she will have to take before she can force China's defenders to retreat to this suppositional area, General Chang said. But one thing is certain: China is (Continued on Page 7.)

The total Japanese casualties in east Shantung during the past few days were estimated by military quarters at about 3,000, whilst the Chinese losses were admitted to be also heavy.

The centre of fighting is at Lini and Jihchao, which is on the Shantung coast. Heavy Chinese reinforcements have been despatched to Lini, where bitter engagements are expected to break out momentarily.

Yesterday a squadron of Japanese planes subjected the Chinese positions at Lini to a severe bombing, but not much damage was inflicted to the Chinese defence works.

At Jihchao the main body of enemy troops is composed of irregulars under the command of Chang Chung-pu, brother of the late Shantung warlord, General Chang Ching-chang.—Central News.

Tanks Captured

Hankow, Mar. 8. More than 30 Japanese tanks have been trapped south of Changchun on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, in north Honan, according to a railway officer who just arrived here.

The official said that the Chinese troops had dug deep trenches on the road, covering them with grass. The (Continued on Page 7.)

STOP PRESS

DWELLERS FLEE IN TERROR FROM TUNGKWAN

Hankow, Mar. 8. Tungkwang, covered by a heavy fall of snow, was yesterday bombarded for the first time by Japanese shells, its 20,000 city dwellers fleeing panic-stricken before the attack.

However the ignorant peasants are optimistic, expecting a good harvest in the autumn because of the spring snow.

All postal, telegraph and railway workers in Shansi swarmed to Tungkwang after destroying 80 locomotives and 500 coaches, and all telephone lines in southern Shansi.

All junks on the Yellow River at Tungkwang have been gathered together on the southern bank, except two which are used to transport refugees and wounded soldiers. Chinese troops are very vigilant in order to prevent the imminent Japanese crossing of the river. Meanwhile the Shansi troops are determined to remain in Shansi, and the warfare is going on inside the elbow area of the Yellow River.—United Press.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

OLD WORLD TOUCHES on the New Nighties

by
MARY
GRACE



THERE is an old-world touch about the new designs in nighties. They are made with wide Peter Pan collars and come coyly up to the throat, just like mother used to wear in shape—but oh, what a difference in colour and material!

Paris is showing purple lilac and almond blossom pinks for lingerie. On the latter they are using dark coffee-coloured lace. There is not nearly so much white, and many patterned materials have tiny sprays of leaves or flowers in the same colour as the fabric.

Lots of you must have bought remnants of crepe de Chine, voile or feather-weight winces in the sales. Now is the time to translate them into dainty underwear.

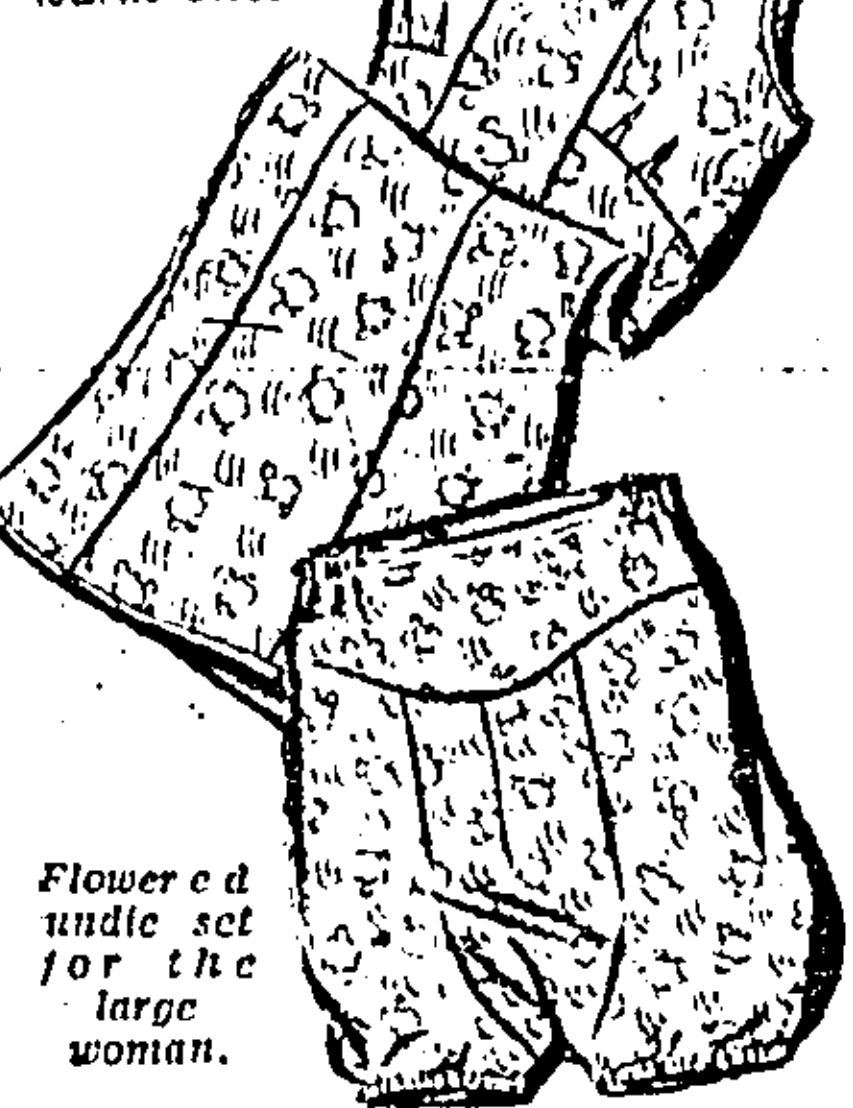
I find it is a very good plan to set aside one evening regularly each week for what I call my odd pieces of sewing. A nightie or a slip can be left for days if necessary, and does not require intense concentration as to fit like a dress or blouse.

Lingerie is pleasant sewing. You can pick it up for an odd half-hour here and there, chat pleasantly while working, and there is the advantage of a new nightie or petticoat to hand should you go away for a few days' holiday unexpectedly.

The designs sketched are chosen from Everywoman's Exclusive Paper Pattern Service, and the youthful nightie on the left, will be included in many a trousseau for Easter weddings.

A demure Peter Pan collar edged with lace or pleating finishes the

A sleeveless nightdress in flowered voile, and a shirt-fronted warm one.



CHINESE CREDITS SECURED

London, Mar. 7.

Reuter understands that the Chinese approached a group of London banks for 12 or 24 months credits with the security of part of the silver recently shipped to London at four per cent interest.

The silver is to be valued for the purposes of security at 12d. an ounce. It is believed that the Chinese

garment shown, and the ribbon bow at neck matches the narrow tie sash. Such an easy design, it can be tackled by a beginner.

Size 34in. bust takes 3 3/4 yds. 30in. fabric, 3 3/4 yds. 1/4 in. ribbon, 1 1/4 yds. 1 in. pleating.

Shown in the second figure is a nightie specially designed for the older woman. Cut with a front opening, the pattern has a yoke which gives a nice shape to the top of the bodice. The sleeves have a small bell cuff.

While on the requirements of the fuller figure, I have included a princess petticoat and knickers set that are frankly outside.

A built-up shoulder line does ease the strain and does not cut into the flesh like a narrow ribbon strap.

MEN ARE LAZIER THAN WOMEN

After reading the article entitled "Are Women Lazy?" I am inclined to think that it was written by a presumptuous youth. I cannot conceive any experienced adult making such sweeping and perfectly irrational generalisations.

Although I am about to celebrate my fiftieth birthday, I have yet to meet a lazy married woman. No adage is quite so accurate, I have discovered, as the one that asserts that a housewife's work is never done.

Men may work an eight hours day, but the housewife has no such privilege. Nevertheless, she accepts her arduous daily round in a philosophic manner. She knows that the work must be done, and applies herself to the task, with an energy that puts the average man's eight hours efforts to shame.

The writer of the article which I am justifiably attacking, asserts that women cannot think for themselves. This statement is, of course, a typical example of masculine egotism. I would like to know how many men can think for themselves?

The present chaotic condition of a world ruled by men reveals the fact that very few males can think at all!

The writer, who has cloaked his identity in a non-de-plume, declares that women only attend musical or dramatic performances for entertainment. The average man, we have to presume, goes to a play craving for education. The idea is too palpably ridiculous to merit further comment.

"Onlooker," as he calls himself, also asserts that women only read books for entertainment. Men, on the other hand, read only to increase their fund of knowledge. That is why, I suppose, thrillers and detective fiction are so popular with men!

Only two things can excuse "Onlooker" for expressing such ridiculous sentiments in his article. Either he is very young and inexperienced, or he is remarkably unobservant.

Sitting in judgment on others is obviously not in his line!

M. T. G.

object in seeking credits is largely to guarantee payment of interest on foreign loans. It is generally thought that China specially desires to maintain credit abroad.

The News Chronicle says that Chinese financial reserves are the one item in which she can claim supremacy over Japan.—Reuter.



CHOCOLATE CAKE

In a moderate oven for 1 hour to one hour.

This is easily and quickly made. Ingredients: 8oz. icing sugar 2oz. chocolate powder or grated chocolate, a few drops of vanilla flavouring, a few drops of water.

Put the water and chocolate into a saucepan and let it slowly melt, then bring it to the boil and add the sifted icing sugar. Beat well, then add the flavouring and spread over the cake.

Decorate the cake with small chocolate drops.

For a change you could try chocolate butter icing. Here is my recipe:

Ingredients: 8oz. icing sugar, 1/2 lb. butter, 2oz. Bournville cocoa, vanilla flavouring, 2 tablespoonfuls of milk. Roll the lumps out of the sugar, then rub it through a fine sieve. Put the cocoa into a saucepan and mix to a smooth paste with the milk, then stir until dissolved.

Add the butter to the sieved icing sugar, and beat both to a cream. Add the cocoa and a few drops of vanilla and mix all together, then leave until it becomes stiffer before using it.

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Parliament's Tribute To Seaman

Death Of A. B. Long Raises Questions In Commons

London, Mar. 7.
Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, voiced the regret of the House of Commons at the death of A. B. George Long, which occurred when H.M.S. Kempenfeldt and H.M.S. Boreas were picking up and transferring Balcarres survivors to the Canaries yesterday. He said that A. B. Long had been deemed killed in action.

Mr. D. Sandys (Cons) asked if it was necessary that British lives should be risked in the work of back-shipping rescued seamen back to a belligerent warship.

Mr. Shakespeare said that in carrying out the rescue, the British Navy acted in accordance with the finest tradition.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Lab.) asked why such rescued seamen were not interred, and Mr. Shakespeare said the Government did not take the view that they were bound by the obligations of neutrality.—Reuter.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,595 b.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £295 n.
Chartered Banks, £12 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £20 n.
Mercantile Bank, C. £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$85 n.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$277 1/2 s.
Union Ins., \$535 b.
China Underwriters, \$1 1/4 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$247 sa.

Shipping
Douglas, \$59 1/2 n.
H.K. Steamboats, \$11 1/2 n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, \$9 1/2 n.
Union Waterboats, \$30 b.

Docks etc.
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$135 b.
H.K. W. Docks, \$34.00/75 sa.
Providents (old), \$35.00 s.
Providents (new), \$1.50 sa.
New Engineering, \$3 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$5.00 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 15/8 n.
Reubs, \$7 1/2 b.
Venz, Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mines
Antamoks, P. 50 sa.
Atoks, P. 27 sa.
Baguio Gold, P. 23 1/2 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. 9.80 sa.
Benguet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Groves, P. 50 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.
Democratization, P. 38 sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaua G'ields, P. —
Ipo Gold, P. —
I.K.L., P. 78 sa.
Itogons, P. —
Masbate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumaua, P. 23 1/2 sa.
Salacot Mining, P. —
San Maurizio, P. 54 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. 10 1/2 sa.
United Paracales, P. 43 1/4 sa.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$7.10 s.
H.K. Lands, \$35 b.
H.K. Lands, 4 1/2 Deben, \$100 n.
Shai Land, A. Sh. 87 n.
Metropolitan Land, Sh. —
Humphries, \$8 1/4 b.
H.K. Realities, \$6 sa.
Chinese Estates, \$87 n.
China Realities, Sh. —
China Deben, —

Public Utilities
H.K. Trarways, \$15 1/2 b. and sa.
Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.
Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries, \$8 1/2 b. and sa.
Yauamul Ferries (old), \$26 1/2 b.
China Light (old), \$12.40 b.
China Light (new), \$9 1/4 b.
H.K. Electric, \$61 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, \$10 1/4 n.
Sundakan Lights, \$14 1/4 n.
Telephone (old), \$27 1/4 b.
Telephone (new), \$10.30 b.
China Buses, Sh. —
Singapore Trarctions, 23/6 n.
Singapore Prof., 23/6 n.

Industrials
Cald. Mack. (old), Sh. \$14 1/4 n.
Cald. Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$17 1/4 b.
H.K. Ropes \$5 1/2 s.
Stevens, &c.

Dairy Farm, \$25 1/4 sa.
Watsons, \$5.00 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$9 1/4 n.
Sinceres, \$1.90 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n.
William Powell, Ltd. 60 cts. b.
Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$13.40 n.
Shai Cotton (old), Sh. \$72 n.
Zong Singa, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —

Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainment, \$7 s.
Constructions, \$1 1/4 b.
Vibro Piling, \$5 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GBds., 68% n.
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Wallace Harpers, \$6 1/4 b.
Marzmanns Inv., (Lon.), s/- 17/8 n.
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Ground almonds, castor sugar, and mashed bananas; chopped walnuts, seedless raisins, mashed bananas.

C. S. M.

Making Up to Wine Colours

BURGUNDY shades are being worn a lot just now. Some of them are rich and glowing, like fine red wines; others have a more light-hearted air and a few are quite pale—like wine diluted with water.

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CHAMBERLAIN WARNS COUNTRY TO PREPARE TO SPEND VAST SUMS

Prime Minister Defines Four Aspects Of Nation's Defence Aims

London, Mar. 8.

Opening the full debate on the defence estimates to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, told the House of Commons that Britain must spend on re-armament "until it hurts." War was the only alternative.

Mr. Chamberlain moved a resolution approving the estimates, and said he was convinced the country felt that the defence programme must be fulfilled. "It is significant of the state of international relations that for four successive years we have been discussing these subjects, with their figures of such magnitude," observed the Premier.

He said economic staying power was the key to winning a war. "Wars are won not only by men and arms; but it is necessary also to have reserves of resources and credit. Unless a nation knocks out its opponent with a sudden blow—and recent experience is not encouraging to this hope—the strong people might hesitate to risk war. The country which has staying power might indefinitely prolong resistance."

Referring to the air estimates, the Prime Minister said it was necessary to consider all the elements, of which the air force was only one. "An attempt to examine our power simply by reference to the first line strength is a delusion and a snare. The Government is satisfied that we are making the best use of our resources."

Mr. Chamberlain added that first efforts must be directed for the protection of the country; second by protection of trade routes; third by protection of British territories over-

seas, and fourthly co-operation in the defence of the territories of British allies.—United Press.

The Labour Opposition amendment to the Defence estimates was defeated by 351 votes to 134. The Premier's motion approving the Government's defence policy was carried by 347 to 133.—Reuter.

Elaborates Policy

London, Mar. 7. An elaboration of the policy behind the defence White Paper of March 2 was given in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister to-day, when he asked the House to approve the statement. Mr. Chamberlain thought it significant that generally speaking, throughout the country, there was a conviction that the course embarked upon when re-armament began was unavoidable.

He declared that the original object of Sir Thomas Inskip's appointment

as Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence had been achieved. Never had planning for strategic purposes been brought to the same complete scale as at present.

Dealing with the requests whether the British first line of strength would provide parity with any European air force within striking distance, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I am forced inevitably to the conclusion that first line strength depends on other factors, such as reserves of equipment, raw materials, anti-aircraft defences, the personnel morale, quality of aircraft and the fact that with aircraft you cannot set one aeroplane against another as with ships."

"Snare And Delusion"

"To attempt to measure air power and air strength by the first line of defence is a snare and delusion. We must look at defence problems as a whole and from the wider aspect, and to take the aggregate value of resources."

Dealing with the question: "What is the policy for which these programmes are designed?", the Prime Minister said: "The corner-stone of our defence policy must be security for the United Kingdom. That was the first main effort. They must also have as a second objective the preservation of trade routes on which Britain depends for her food and raw materials. The third objective was defence of British territories from the sea, land and air. Britain's need to maintain garrisons and overseas naval bases in various parts of the world meant that in wartime there would immediately be substantial demands for reinforcements at strategic points."

"But they are not so vital as the defence of our country, because, so long as we are undefeated at home, even if we sustain a loss overseas, we may have an opportunity of making good afterwards."

Fourth Objective

"The fourth objective must be co-operation in the defence of allies' territories. These objectives have been before us in the preparation of the Service programmes."

Coming to the question of cost, Mr. Chamberlain said: "One thing we can say is that the £1,500,000,000 previously contemplated is insufficient. It is too soon to say what figure must be substituted, but I am afraid the House must expect a substantial advance."

Proceeding to refer to their efforts for appeasement, the Premier said: "It ought to be known that our desire for peace does not signify willingness to purchase peace to-day at the price of peace for the future. Nor can we forget our moral responsibility

to our people or humanity in general. We cannot divest ourselves of an interest in world peace."

In another passage Mr. Chamberlain claimed to be a better friend of the League of Nations than some of those who spoke for it. "The League to-day is mutilated. It is half and lame," he said.

Referring to the Opposition criticism of the armaments programme, the Premier said: "The sight of this enormous, almost terrifying power which Britain is building up has a sobering and steadying effect on world opinion."—Reuter.

Accuses Government Of Betrayal

London, Mar. 7.

Major Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, in the course of the House of Commons debate on the defence estimates declared: "We have embarked on a system of alliances and the Premier has offended the spirit of a vast number of people. They are willing to stand for the League, but they are not willing to be dragged into another war of alliances."

Sir Thomas Inskip, winding up the debate, emphasised that there was scarcely a point in the Imperial defence policy that was not from week to week the subject of a very searching review. He said that the vast majority of Britain's air squadrons were fully equipped. "By March 1939, we shall have 1,750 up-to-date first-line planes of the highest possible power and capacity. The balloon barrage for London is organised in ten squadrons. Three out of four depots for storage and administration will be completed very shortly, and four-fifths of the balloons and all the winches have been delivered," said Sir Thomas.—Reuter.

Government Criticised

London, Mar. 7.

Mr. Lees Smith, moving the Labour Amendment, contended the defence programme was the result of a policy pursued by the National Government over the past six years. The Government, he said, could be relied on to defend British interests of the old fashioned kind, but it did not understand that real British interests were part of a world system, and only as part of that system could they be defended successfully.

Mr. Lees Smith emphasised the importance of defence against attacks, arguing that potential enemies were depending on the effect of a sudden, shattering blow, and calculating on a short war. That must be countered, not by attack elsewhere, but by defence at home. In a long war the advantages would always be on the side of Britain.

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) was not convinced that the co-ordination of the last few years had yet overcome traditional tendencies by which the most powerful department got most money, irrespective of the new aspects of the defence problem, and the new dangers, he asked for more information, particularly regarding progress in air expansion. As to the army, he expressed the hope that Government had abandoned the idea of waging warfare on land on a continental scale as in the last war. The British contribution, he argued, should be chiefly in the air and on sea, and in the production of munitions.

Mr. Winston Churchill expressed misgivings regarding Mr. Chamberlain having discarded first line strength as a measure of air power for the purpose of comparison with other countries. He was also not satisfied with the rate of expansion of the air force and he gave notice on the air estimates that he would press for an enquiry into the state of military aviation by an independent tribunal.

Asked in the House of Commons by Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab) whether the policy of the Government of securing an agreement between Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy presupposed that any such agreement would be contracted within the framework of the League of Nations, the Prime Minister said the Government had never stated its policy in those terms. It was, of course, bound by Article 20 of the Covenant not to enter into any engagement inconsistent with its terms.—British Wireless.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph,

Sir.—With reference to the article on the spelling bee between Oxford and Harvard and Radcliffe Universities, can any reader supply the name of any dictionary which spells "gambooge" as "gambooge"? F. H. T.

The spelling "gambooge" may be found in various standard dictionaries, for example: Funk and Wagnall's Dictionary of the English Language.—Ed.

APPROVE CONTROL OF RUBBER PRODUCTION

London, Mar. 8.

The council of the Rubber Growers' Association unanimously approved of the provisional text recommended by the International Rubber Regulation Committee of the Inter-governmental agreement to regulate the production and export of rubber.—Reuter.

Giant Liner Due To Dock To-morrow

Empress Of Britain Carries Persons Of Distinction

The 46,000-ton luxury liner Empress of Britain will berth at No. 5 Pier, Kowloon, at 11 a.m. to-morrow on its fifth round the world cruise.

Hongkong was included in this year's itinerary of the ship had left New York, the Far East being omitted in the original schedule owing to the Sino-Japanese crisis.

Many notable travellers are aboard the Empress of Britain.

They include Prince Andrew of Greece, fourth son of King George I, who was assassinated, and uncle of the reigning king.

Lord Tennyson, the famous soldier, cricketer and author, is travelling with Lady Tennyson. Lord Tennyson was captain of the English XI against Australia in 1921 and has since toured extensively abroad with his own teams, most recently in India, where he has just concluded a successful tour.

Baron and Baroness Hatvany are both famous Hungarian authors. Prince Louis Della Torre e Tasso, Prince Raymond Torre e Tasso and Princess Della e Tasso are other prominent persons aboard the Empress of Britain.

Sir Montague Burton, Chairman of Montague Burton Ltd. of Leeds, is making his second tour on the Empress liner. He is accompanied by Lady Burton.

Baroness F. Sybil Carbonell is travelling with a party.

LEFTIST BOOKS BAN IN JAPAN

Authorities Take Drastic Action

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

The latest step in the Japanese campaign for national and spiritual mobilisation has been the suppression of all leftist ideas and books. Many publications written years ago by prominent Japanese scholars are now branded as leftist and have been removed from circulation.

As a result, the proscribed books are fetching prices several times as high as previously, and secondhand dealers are doing a great trade.

Whether the demand is due to curiosity or the desire to read what is prohibited, is not known.—Reuter.

Naval Talks Continuing Informally

London, Mar. 8.

Concurrently with informal discussions between British, French and American naval experts in London on the question of Japanese naval building, it is understood that informal talks have also taken place in Tokyo, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The result of the London talks naturally will be affected by the outcome of any enquiries in Tokyo, but neither set of conversations has yet reached a sufficiently concrete stage for any announcement.—Reuter.

MCNUTT LEAVES FOR FAR EAST ON MARCH 23

New York, Mar. 8.

Mr. Paul McNutt, Philippines Commissioner, arrived in New York to-day and will probably return to-morrow for a conference at the White House.

A San Francisco message says that Mr. Paul McNutt has now booked to return to the Philippines by the Hawaii Clipper on March 23, instead of March 9.—United Press.

CALIFORNIA ASKS FOR HELP

Sacramento, Mar. 8.

Appealing to President Roosevelt for aid, the Governor of the California State has announced that public and private losses owing to the floods total more than US\$52,000,000.

He adds that "California is facing relief construction problems reaching the proportions of a major disaster."—United Press.

ANGLO-IRISH TALKS

London, Mar. 7.

The Dominions Secretary saw Mr. E. De Valera this morning, but there was no other ministerial contacts between the two. The British continued to work on trade questions.—British Wireless.

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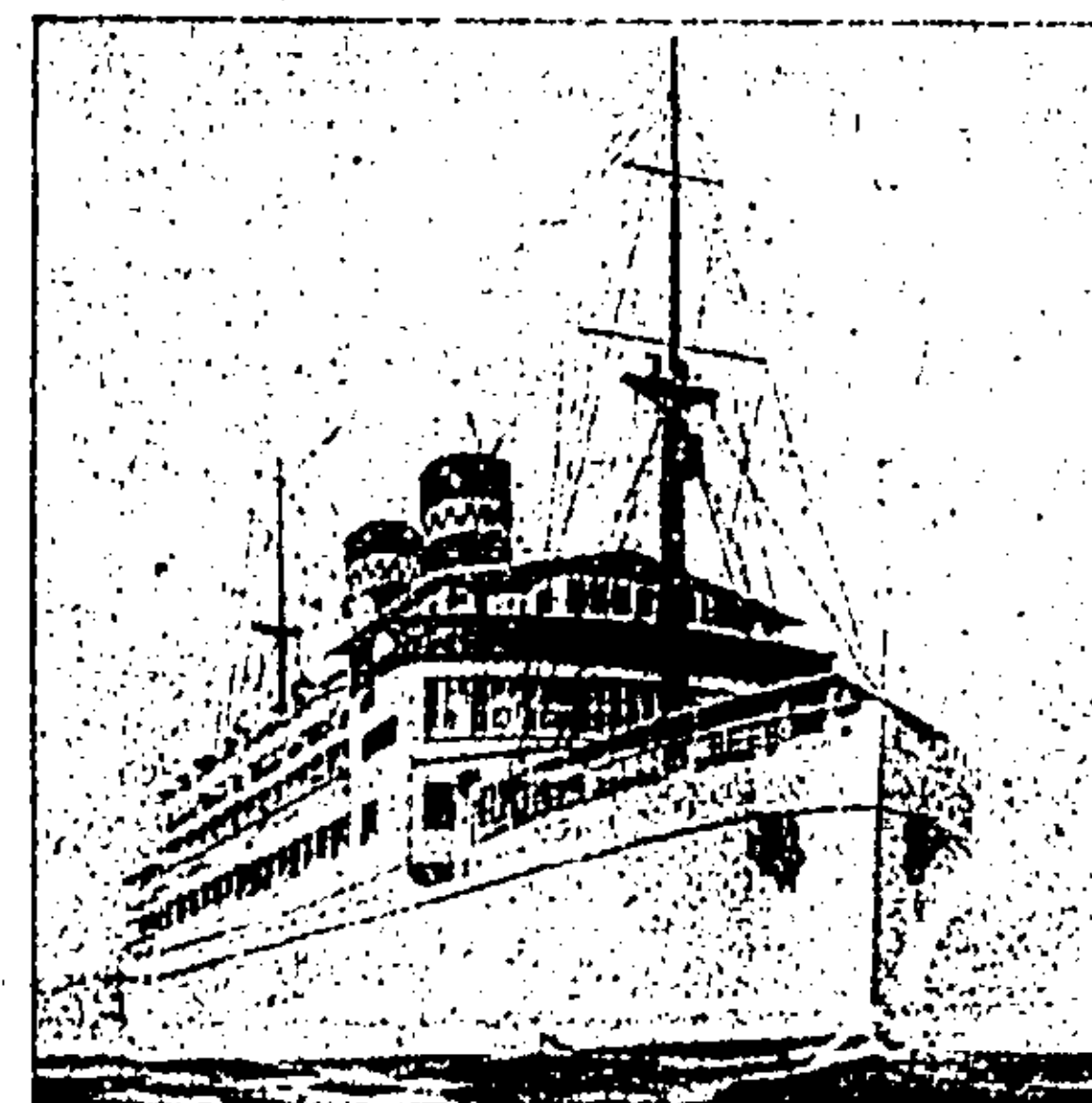


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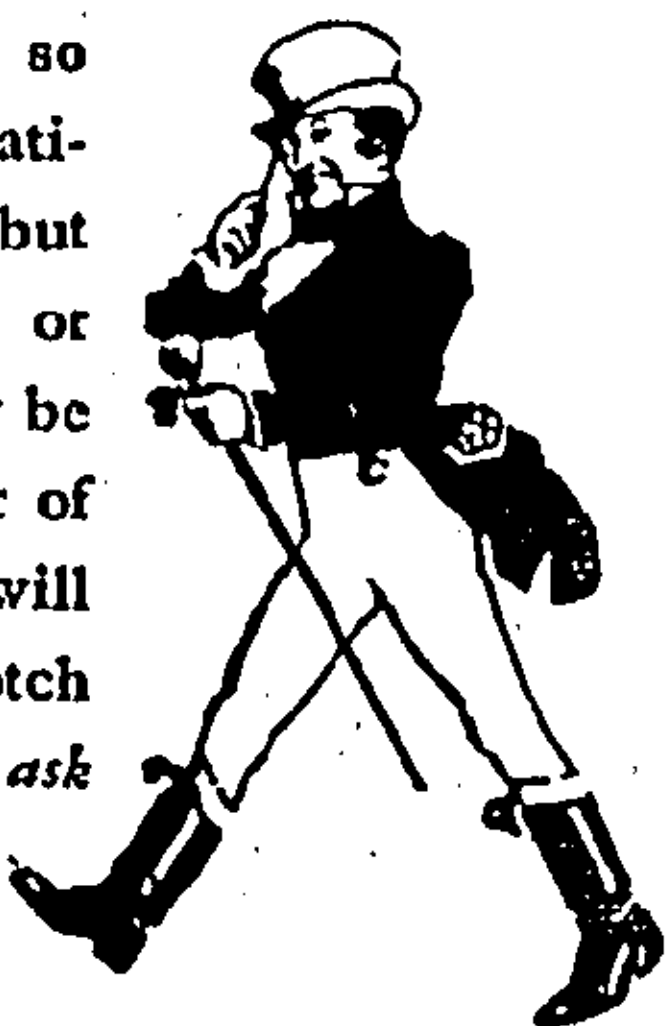
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UNAUTHORISED
VACCINATOR
GOES ABROAD

Chui Man-sang, 32, student, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with vaccinating two persons, when he is not a registered medical practitioner, public vaccinator or person authorised by the Governor to vaccinate in Hongkong. Chan Chi-shum and Chan Yuen-chuen, at a tea-shop in Elgin Street, were his patients. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Chan gave evidence of having been vaccinated by defendant, and having defendant vaccinate his grand-father. He had given money to defendant after the vaccinations, he said. When witness had finished his evidence, defendant from the dock said that he did vaccinate the complainants. At this point, Det. Sergeant Downman, the prosecuting officer, said that the tube of vaccine used had been sent for examination of its effect and the report would be ready in about a week. His Worship adjourned the case for a week.

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says: The market continues firm, with prices well-maintained. An enquiry for Underwriters found a bare market, and a rise in the buying rate to 1 1/4 failed to attract shares. Unions failed to maintain their price and fell away to \$545 business done.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,000
Union Insurance \$250
China Underwriters \$150
United Waterworks \$200
H.K. & W. Wharves \$150
H.K. & W. Dock \$150
Provident (Old) \$150
Provident (New) \$150
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Star Ferry \$100
China Lights (Old) \$12.50
China Lights (New) \$20.15
H.K. Electric \$100
Cement \$17.50

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Ninth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 1st APRIL, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 12th APRIL, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. C. T. BECK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

THE HONGKONG FIRE
INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.

General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship
"MARECHAL JOFFRE"
Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via ports etc. arrived Hongkong on Monday, 7th March, 1938.
Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. All claims must be sent in to me on or before 17th March, 1938, or they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 12th March, 1938.
Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

H.K. Ropes \$150
Dairy Farms \$250
Watsons \$500
Antanoka Pa. \$7
Aoki \$25
Baguio Gold \$25
Benguet Consol \$200
Coco Grove \$25
Consolidated Mines \$11
Demonstrations \$5
I. & L. \$7
Paracale Gumaus \$25
San Mauricio \$5
Suyo Consol \$25
United Paracale \$44

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1937.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 12th MARCH, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 22nd MARCH, 1938, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1938.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March, 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON &
CO., LTD.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 18th February, 1938.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN
CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 11th March, 1938, AT 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March, 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1938.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of March, 1938, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1937, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.

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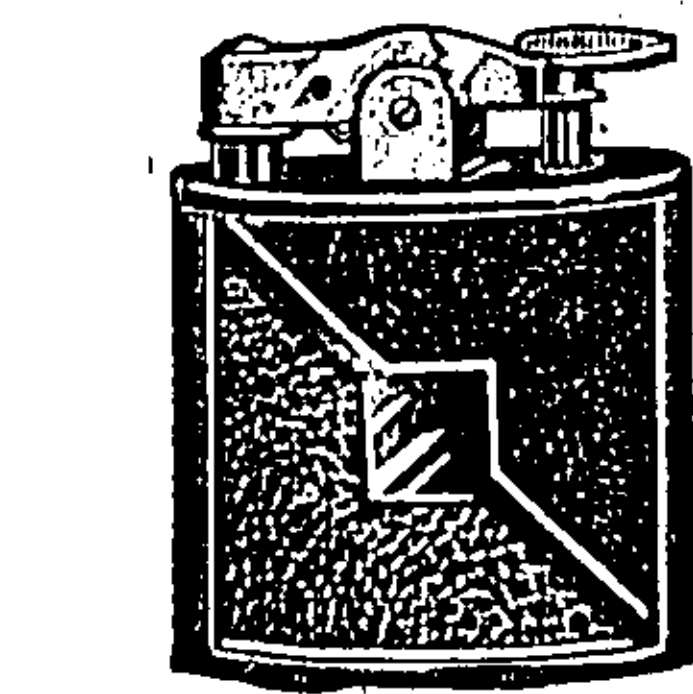
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NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Mar. 7.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets:

The market to-day registered a two-point decline, which was the 5th consecutive decline, before being supported. Scheduled steel operations were 29.9% of capacity. Some selling has been traced to traders raising funds to pay income taxes and more such selling is expected. It is reported that foreign traders are out of the market, despite the uncertainty of European armament costs. Large corporations show high 1937 net incomes. Discouraging factors were the resumption of the weakness of the French financial position and the Oil Industry's unfavourable statistical position. Bank debits in leading cities are 21% below those for the corresponding period of last year.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: Prices to-day declined on the light volume of business and further irregularity is likely. The "Times" business index for the week was 78.9, as against 79.0 last week and 107.5 for the corresponding week of last year.

Cotton: There has been further Bombay selling. The mills continue the curtailment of textile production. Spots are quiet. Out of 10 brokers, 4 are bullish and 6 are neutral.

Wheat: There have been no further gains in the dry belt. The market is featureless. Out of 5 brokers, 3 are bullish and 2 are bearish. There has been a visible decrease of 1,976,000 bushels.

Corn: Conditions are unchanged. There has been a visible increase of 1,100,000 bushels.

Rubber: The market was quiet and featureless. Hides: 100,000 calf-hides have been reported sold at advances. There has been a moderate improvement in the outlook for the shoe trade. The market is otherwise quiet.

Sugar: Stagnant. There was some small liquidation on an almost empty market.

Dow Jones Averages Mar. 5 Close
30 Industrials 127.67 125.38
20 Rails 28.75 28.05
20 Utilities 19.35 19.11
40 Bonds 90.45 90.03
11 Commodity Index 53.00 52.51

U. S. COMMODITY
PRICESLATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 7.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	9.06/07	9.10/11
July	9.13/14	9.17/17
Oct.	9.22/21	9.26/27
Dec.	9.21/21	9.26/27
Jan.	9.24/24	9.28 N
Spot		9.10

New York Rubber

	14.60/75	14.47/47
Mar.	14.60/75 <td>14.60/68</td>	14.60/68
July	14.70/80	14.60/68
Sept.	14.87/88	14.82/82
Dec.	15.01B	14.80B/15.03A
Jan.		15.05 N

Sales for the day—220 tons.

Chicago Wheat

	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2
May	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2
July	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2
Sept.	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2

Saturday's Sales—

15,930,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	59 3/4/59 3/4	59 3/4/59 3/4
May	59 3/4/59 3/4	59 3/4/59 3/4
July	59 3/4/59 3/4	59 3/4/59 3/4
Sept.	59 3/4/59 3/4	59 3/4/59 3/4

Winnipeg Wheat

	122 1/2/122 1/2	121/121
May	122 1/2/122 1/2	121/121
July	122 1/2/122 1/2	121/121
Oct.	122 1/2/122 1/2	121/121

HEALTH NO
ASSET NOW

A remand of 48 hours was ordered by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when Wong Kan-kau, 18, was charged with larceny from the person of Fong Po-lai, 23, of a gold earring.
Detective-Sergeant Downman stated that on the day when the theft was committed, the defendant managed to escape, but on information received defendant was arrested yesterday and identified by complainant.
The remand was for medical examination to see if defendant is fit for earring.

NO REPRESENTATIONS
TO SOVIET

London, Mar. 7.
His attention having been called in the House of Commons to an alleged statement by M. Stalin that revolutionary propaganda was being extended and instigated, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs replied that an open letter recently published in the Soviet press contained no specific mention of the intensification of propaganda in foreign countries, and the question of representations to the Soviet Government did not therefore arise.—British Wireless.

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL LETTERS

Ordinary air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamers Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

AIR MAIL SERVICES

Air Mail Services to Shanghai, Nanjing, Tientsin, Peking and Peiping are temporarily suspended.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAELS

From	Per	Due
Japan	Kumgang	March 8.
Straits	Mulham	March 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	March 8.
Shanghai	Hector	March 8.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kanchow	March 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	March 10.
Vancouver B.C., date 19th Feb.	Kalgan	March 10.
Bangkok and Swatow	Scharnhorst	March 10.
Straits and Manila	Talma	March 10.
Shanghai and Swatow	Chickiang	March 11.
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Letters and Papers) London date, 10th February.	Haruna Maru	March 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 11.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila—Seattle date, 12th February.	Pres. Jackson	March 11.
Japan and Formosa	Suwa Maru	March 11.
Straits and Manila	Agamemnon	March 12.
Straits and Manila	Conte Blancmanano	March 12.

OUTWARD MAELS

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai	Tuesday	Delice Rickmers Tues., Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Wednesday	Tai Ming Wed., Mar. 9, 8.15 a.m.
Air Mail for Siam, Lanchow, and Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Wed., Mar. 9, 9 a.m.
Chengtu etc. (via Hankow) by "Eurasia Airways Service"	Reg.	Wed., Mar. 9, 9 a.m.
(To further points by surface transport as Services permit)		
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., Mar. 9, 10 a.m.
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tijnegara	Wed., Mar. 9, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow	Haitan	Wed., Mar. 9, 2 p.m.
Bangkok	Mul Hook	Wed., Mar. 9, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kwelin, C.N.A.C. Plane	C.N.A.C.	Wed., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
Kweliang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	Reg.	Wed., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	G. F. O.	Wed., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Wed., Mar. 9, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Wed., Mar. 10, 6 a.m.
Thursday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs., Mar. 10, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kweliang Thurs.	Mar. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Taiyuan	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 20th Mar.	Hector	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10 a.m.
Straits and Europe via Marseilles Hector	G. F. O. and K. P. O.	Thurs., Mar. 10, 9 a.m.
due Marseilles, 9th April and London	Parcels	Thurs., Mar. 10, 9.45 a.m.
London	Reg.	Thurs., Mar. 10, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kumgang	Thurs., Mar. 10, 11 a.m.
	Parcels	Thurs., Mar. 10, 11 a.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Mar. 10, 11 a.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Thurs., Mar. 10, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Takung	Thurs., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Thurs., Mar. 10, 4.30 p.m.
Friday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Fri., Mar. 11, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Klungchow	Fri., Mar. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Yunnan	Yunnan	Fri., Mar. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Fri., Mar. 11, 10 a.m.
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Fri., Mar. 11, 10 a.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	Haruna Maru Fri.	Mar. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 22nd Mar.	Suwa Maru	Fri., Mar. 11, 3.30 p.m.
	G. F. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., Mar. 11, 3.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Mar. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Suwa Maru	G. F. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, April 9.	Reg.	Fri., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Fri., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
Parcels	Reg.	Fri., Mar. 11, 5 p.m.
Saturday		
Dahren, Japan and Canada—due Victoria B.C., 13th April.	Ixlon	Sat., Mar. 12, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Cremer	Sat., Mar. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. Pres. Jackson	Parcels	Sat., Mar. 12, 3 p.m.
America and Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 1st April and Europe via Siberia.	Reg.	Sat., Mar. 12, 4.15 p.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Mar. 12, 5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

LONDON STOCK
EXCHANGEYESTERDAY'S CABLED
QUOTATIONS

London, Mar. 7.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red. after 1935)	102 1/2	102 1/2
Consolidated Loan, 5% (Ldn. Is.)	102 1/2	21
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1924-27	76 1/2	75 1/2
Chinese 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1924-27	67	66
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	61 1/2	60 1/2
Chinese 5% Sterling Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	68 1/2	67 1/2
Chinese Imperial Ry 5% Loan	68	65
Hongkong Ry 5% 1911	2	
Hukuang Ry 5%, 1911	43	43
Hukuang Ry. 5% 1911	20	20
German 5% Loan	20	28
Lang Tung & U. Hai Ry. 5%, 1913	20 1/2	21
Shanghai Ry. 5%	20	29
Tientsin-Pukow Ry 5% (Brit. Sd.)	24 1/2	26
Tientsin-Pukow Ry 5% (German Sd.)	24 1/2	26
Tientsin-Pukow Ry 5% (Brit. Sd., Supl. Loan)	24	26
Tientsin-Pukow Ry 5% (Ger. Sd., Supl. Loan)	24	26
Tientsin-Pukow Ry 5% Sterling 1907	63	63 1/2
Yapan 5% Sterling 1924	63 1/2	63 1/2
Yapan 7% International	66 1/2	66 1/2
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	12 1/2	11
HSBC & Co.	90	90
Comp. (Ldn. Reg.)	90	90
Y. S. Ry. & S. Ry. Bonds	97	97

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NALDERA	10,000	2nd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	10th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
†BHUTAN	6,000	23rd Apr.	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	30th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
BEHAR	9,000	7th May	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
CORFU	14,500	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†SOUDAN	6,000	21st May	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.

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*BEHAR	9,000	28th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	31st Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
TILAWA	10,000	1st Apr.	Amoy & Japan.
NELLORE	7,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.

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ANCESTRY HALLS OF GERMANY DEFENDED**A GERMAN'S ANSWER**

Wallenstein, the great warrior of the early 17th century, once held sway over Guestrow, the ancient little town, so neat and well-to-do, which mainly lives on the rich soil around it, where wheat grows in plenty. The town is very proud of its splendid castle, where Wallenstein once stayed for a short time. The citizens are slow of speech, and combine innate principles with spy-glasses, especially in the side-streets. With the aid of these cunningly contrived mirrors they see while sitting at their windows what is going on in the street, so that it is hard for anything to happen without the whole town knowing it.

No one would expect to find anything so unusual as an Ancestry Hall in such conservative surroundings. But there really is one. What, however, is the Ancestry Hall?

Seen from the outside, it is a Gothic chapel in the midst of an old cemetery, long disused. The chapel, which is more than five centuries old, was originally dedicated to St. Gertrude of Nivelles. But the travellers' patron saint was compelled to leave her little church when the Reformation came, and the chapel only served for burial purposes until the cemetery fell into disuse last century.

From then on, no one wished to have anything to do with this chapel, there are many larger churches in Guestrow. It was used for hay, then as a storehouse for superfluous decorations from the other churches. It became almost a ruin in the course of time, the windows were broken, the crosses in the churchyard collapsed. The good citizens of Guestrow, who are fond of orderliness, may often have sighed on this account.

Finally, the Town Councillors interested themselves in the matter, purchasing the church and churchyard from the ecclesiastical authorities who had proved so neglectful. The deserted churchyard was turned into a kind of park, but no use was found for the chapel which, in fact, was more than once in danger of falling into the hands of house-wreckers. Then the National Socialist Government came.

The new Council preserved the former chapel as a historic monument. For a while, they wondered what they could do with it; in the end, they turned it into an Ancestry Hall. It will thus be seen that the reports to the effect that Christianity has been chased away to make room for the ancestry cult were pure inventions which merely mislead. National Socialism carries a good many things through, and is not exactly timid; but it cannot displace what was not there for purely physical reasons. Not even the most sanguine can wipe out what does not exist, and National Socialists are no exceptions to this rule. For the rest, the uses of the Ancestry Hall are much less harmful than some troubled persons believe. Mecklenburg has always taken great interest in genealogical research, especially since the conservative population has mainly been resident for an extremely long time. That the names of the oldest Guestrow families are inscribed on the walls of this hall, and that Hitler's photograph and the Hakenkreuz flag are also to be seen, as in all public secular buildings, does not appear to do any one any harm, least of all to the Christian religion.

Christians may preach undisturbed to their hearts' content in their large, beautiful churches; they may baptise, marry, and administer the sacraments, as everyone who visits Germany will see for himself.

It is true that some young National Socialist couples have appeared there for their marriage, or brought their new-born children there, to hear a speech by a member of their Party, and no one has prevented them. But they would have been just as little prevented if they had preferred to enter a church, or hear an address in their own homes. That they chose to come to the Ancestry Hall was, after all, their own private business. It is sixty years since church marriages and baptisms ceased to be compulsory, the only legally prescribed form since then has been at the Registry Office, where the ceremony is very formal.

One must not compare a few celebrations in the Guestrow Ancestry Hall with Chinese ancestry worship, for example—it is at most a question of a wish for a solemn ceremony on the part of those who, like many Germans to-day, feel that the churches have let them down, and thus remain away from places of worship. But their number is much smaller in Mecklenburg than in the cities.

Chancellor Hitler has repeatedly stated that he is not a founder of any religion. His Movement is purely political, his aims are purely ideal, irrespective as to whether they have their faults or not, are, it may be added, not religious mysticism but the result of cool consideration of political realities. If the churches had more understanding of this political movement in Germany they would not be in danger of losing so many supporters. There are many millions of Germans

who are believing Christians and, at the same time, enthusiastic National Socialists. If Germany's political position five years ago is compared with that to-day, it will be understood that Hitler must seem to be a man sent by the Almighty to save the country from his despair, and this impression must be all the clearer in the case of the most believing Christians. But it is an error to assert that Hitler is a kind of Messiah for many Germans. Those who make this assertion do not know the Germans, who have much too sharp an eye for human weakness, are much too merciless in their criticisms, did not at all incline to look upon any earthly being, not even the deeply respected Fuehrer, as being provided with superhuman qualities of any kind.

DEATH OF FORMER H.K. OFFICIAL

Sir R. Johnston's Long Association With Far East

One-time Assistant Colonial Secretary to the Hongkong Government and private secretary to the Governor, Sir Reginald Fleming Johnston, K.C.M.G., C.M.G., K.B.E., M.A., died in Scotland yesterday, according to a brief Reuter message. He was aged 64.

Sir Reginald Johnston, who was born in Edinburgh, took an M.A. degree of distinction at Oxford, and was later the recipient of an Hon. LL.D. degree at the Hongkong University, joined the Hongkong Civil Service in 1898, and from 1900 to 1902 was private secretary to the Governor at Weihaiwei. Then, from 1900 to 1917 he served as Senior District Officer and Magistrate at Weihaiwei.

From 1919 to 1925 he was tutor to the ex-Emperor of China, and from 1927 to 1930 was Commissioner at Weihaiwei.

He received the thanks of Secretaries of State for Colonies and for Foreign Affairs for special services. He co-edited the rendition of Weihaiwei to China on behalf of the British Government in October, 1930, and received the Button of the highest of the nine official grades, and the Sable Court Robe.

NOTABLE SCHOLAR

He was warden of the summer palace in 1924, and two years later secretary to the British Indemnity Delegation.

In 1931 he was chairman of the delegation sent to China by the Universities' China Committee. He was Professor of Chinese at London University and head of the department of languages and culture of the Far East School of Oriental Studies from 1931 to 1937.

He was Lewis Fry Memorial Lecturer at the University of Bristol in 1933-34, a member of the Royal Asiatic Society, the India Society,

U.S. Claims To Islands Hide No War Plan

Washington, Mar. 8. President Franklin Roosevelt, through his press secretary, today announced that the sole reason for claiming sovereignty over the Canton and Enderbury Islands was to facilitate the development of commercial aviation, and that it had nothing to do with war plans.

He added that the final claims must await negotiations with other claimants.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 8.

Regarding the question of sovereignty of the Canton and Enderbury Islands for which conversations are in progress, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says that if the main question involved should transpire to be one affecting air routes, a settlement could presumably be reached under which both Britain and the United States could have the facilities they desired for air purposes in the islands.—Reuter.

INSURGENTS EXACT VENGEANCE

Barcelona, March 8.

Four Nationalist air raids were made on Cartagena subsequent to the return of the Republican fleet after its victorious encounter with insurgent warships yesterday.

It is officially stated that the attacks did little damage and the Republican vessels were untouched.—Reuter Bulletin.

The Asiatic Society of Japan, the American Oriental Society, the English Association, the Folk-Lore Society, and La Societe Asiatique of Paris.

Sir Reginald lived at Eileen High, Kilmartin, Argyll, and was unmarried.

VON CRAMM ARRESTED IN BERLIN

Sensational End To Tennis Tour Around World

A sensation has been created in international tennis and sports circles, by the announcement contained in a Reuter report, that Baron Gottfried von Cramm, famous German Davis Cup tennis player, and an exponent of the game with an enviable international reputation, has been arrested by the police in Berlin.

It is semi-officially stated that he is detained on suspicion of moral delinquency.

Von Cramm, together with Henner Henkel, recently returned to Germany from Australia where both had been playing in tennis tournaments, after a world tour which included a visit to Hongkong.

Von Cramm and Henkel played with great success in the triangular test matches against Australia and United States, but they were less prominent in the championship events. While in Hongkong, the two players, together with Frauloin Marie Horn, gave a brilliant exhibition of tennis, the singles between von Cramm and Henkel being regarded as the finest ever seen on local courts.

NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Berlin, Mar. 7.

It is believed that von Cramm was arrested on Saturday shortly after he and Henkel had returned from a successful Australian tour.

Munich patrons cancelled a festive reception to the tennis player at the last minute.

Officials said to-day that the arrest had no political significance.—United Press.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Instructor Lt.-Col. Angus Gunn, of H.M.S. Suffolk, to Miss Edith Mary Turner, whose present address is in care of 1 Knight Street, Kowloon Tong.

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HUNTING WAY TO REFORM

Mr. Citizen of Hongkong has roused himself to protest vigorously against what is described as the "Rent Ramp." In more explicit terms this is the alleged exploitation of tenants by property owners, who, it is said, have taken advantage of the abnormal demand for accommodation to impose excessive increases in rent, with the alternative: "Pay up, or get out." Mr. Citizen is demanding rent control, or at least some form of Government action which will protect him from these landlords he considers rapacious profiteers. But the problem has a dozen pros. and cons. and does not seem to lend itself either to an immediate or an easy solution. The landlords claim they have a reasonable case. Only now, it is argued, are they beginning to receive an adequate return on their capital outlay, due to the fact that rentals have been hitherto forced down to such a low level, and that, in point of fact, the increased rents now being charged are really the fair rents. This implies that up to the present Hongkong house-holders have been given more than value in accommodation. The tenants counter-claim that increased rents have leapt above a reasonable level of increase compared to the purchasing power of wages. In fact, despite an increasing cost of living, wages have remained comparatively stationary. The position therefore is that the public is calling upon Government to legislate in its favour, even though it is possible the landlords have themselves a very reasonable claim for protection of what is recognised by democratic capitalism to be their right—profit from capital investment.

If it were a purely sentimental issue, the so-called exploited tenants would have an unchallengeable case. But the tenants, like the landlords, are living under a system which has little or no time for sentiment. Both are liable to suffer as a result of that system; the tenant because he is asked to pay rent which is out of proportion to his income; and alternatively the landlord, who through rent control, is prevented from realising that which Society says is his ethical and economic right—profit on capital expenditure. Faced with such a position it is easy to understand why the authorities hesitate to introduce legislation which must be arbitrary in its effects either for one side or the other. Democracy, because it is proud of its "justice tempered with mercy," will finally demand that adjudication be given in favour of the "under-dog," but that goes nowhere towards dealing with the fundamental issues. They are issues which challenge

EVERY dictatorship has its Terror, because no dictator could carry on in business for long if anybody else was allowed to have much of a say.

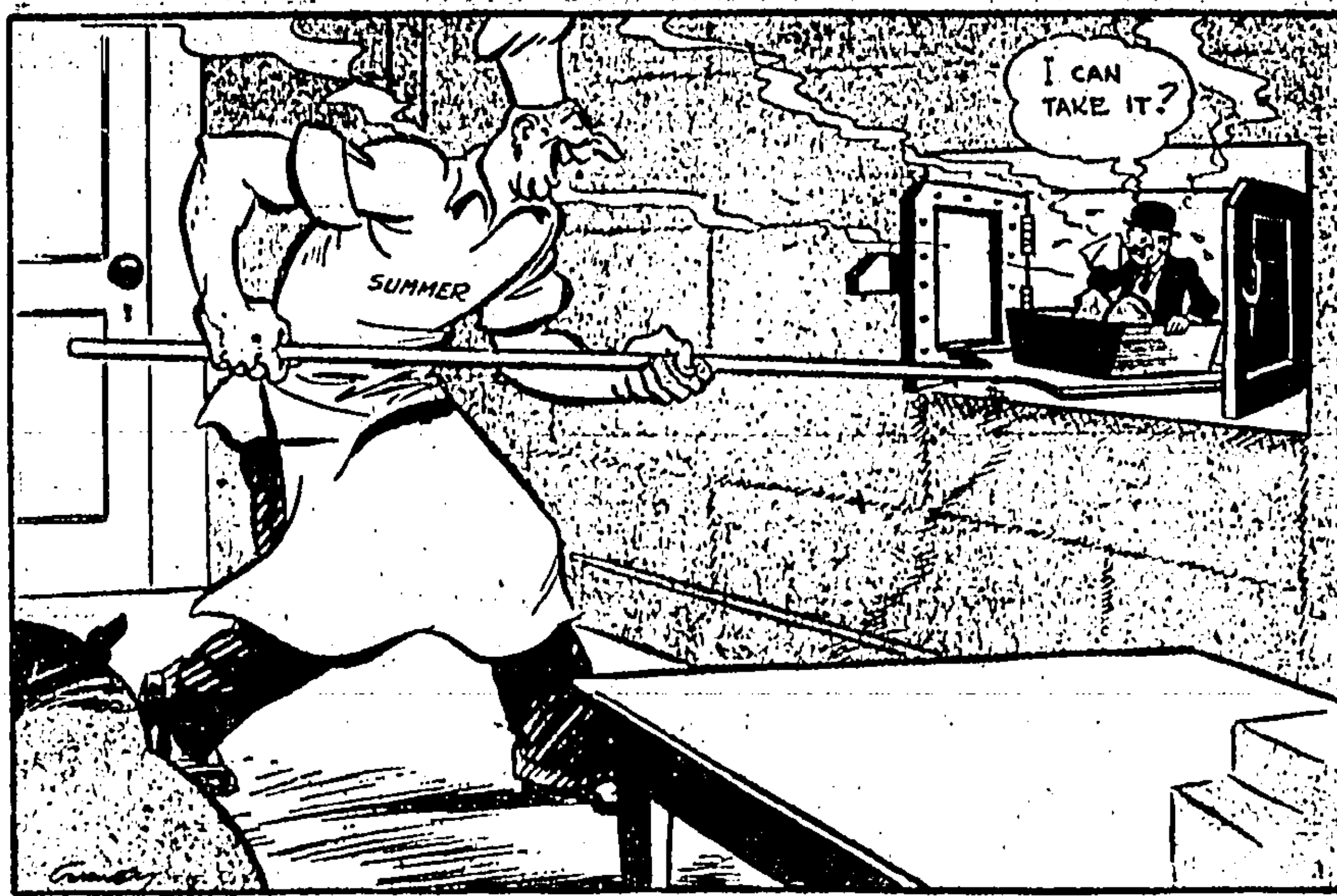
All the dictators now littered about Europe have their organisations for stopping everybody else from expressing an opinion. Take Hitler's Gestapo, or secret police, and Mussolini's Ovra. I forget the name of Kemal Ataturk's narks, but they are sticking around, you can be sure.

Stalin's GPU is as good as the rest. In fact, it is probably the most efficient terror machine that the world has seen up to date. It needs to be, for the Russian dictatorship is exercised over 170,000,000 people, which makes the 100,000,000 empire of Caesar, the first European dictator, look pretty small beer.

AT this moment the world is witnessing with amazement the culminating trial in Moscow of a series of arrests which forced the GPU to stretch its arm across 2,000 miles from its grim bare headquarters in the Inner Prison of

the very system which would give arbitrary judgment. That system is forced to deny itself, and to admit that it has no formula which, while meeting the insistent demands of one outraged section of society, can avoid outraging another section of society.

This may appear to have put the "Rent Ramp" problem in the abstract, yet in the long view, the essential issue would appear to be, not so much whether or not rent control, or some equivalent legislation, should be imposed, but whether society must not, in fairness to all its members, find a system which precludes such problems. If this is not forthcoming the struggle between profit-making producers and overburdened consumers will continue as demonstrated by the rent ramp. Meanwhile numbers of tenants in Hongkong, willing to pay charges proportionate to their economic ability, are threatened with ejection if they refuse to submit to increased impositions by certain landlords. The situation cannot be allowed to remain unattended, and the authorities must act, and act quickly to remedy the position. —S. A. G.



THEY CALL IT WINTER

—Gurney in Melbourne Herald

O G P U

(Call it Gay-Pay-Oo)

Today the Soviet Secret Police make front page news. This article tells exactly what the OGPU is, what it does, how it works

the Lubyanka, Moscow, as far as the pleasant Kensington residence of the Soviet Embassy in London; to the palatial Embassy in Berlin, to its Embassy in Hankow and to its headquarters in Tokyo. The fist of the GPU gripped from every part of the world the suspect Soviet sympathies, and hauls them home for police trial and sentence.

STALIN is striking down his enemies and critics right and left, and like Hitler in the June purge of the Nazis in 1934 he is not concerned with the particular degree of their offence. The mere suspicion of it places them within the province of the GPU.

GPU are the initials in Russian of the "Unified State Political Police." The full initials are OGPU, but the Russians long ago dropped the letter "O" and spoke always of the "Gay-Pay-Oo." Unless, that is, they preferred to whisper, with conspiratorial glee, of the "Three Letters."

"Old soldiers never die, they simply fade away." Old (secret) policemen, on the other hand, simply fade into a new kind of (secret) policeman.

The Gay-Pay-Oo are the lineal descendants of the Cheka, who were the Soviet secret police when the revolution was in its early days. Before that, in the Czar's time, the secret police were called the Okhrana. Many of the Okhrana went over to the Cheka when their own business was wound up.

The Cheka flourished from 1918 onwards. The word is composed from the initials of the Extraordinary Commission to Combat Counter Revolution.

It was set up in the bloody days of the civil war (1918-1922) when 14 foreign armies, with "White Guard" Russians, were trying to pull down and destroy the infant Soviet Republic.

and the peasant provinces of La Vendee were in insurrection against the Paris Government. Lenin got his Cheka, and Robespierre got his Committee of Public Safety. For wholesale slaughter the Cheka put the "committee" in the shade.

According to its own figures, in 1918 they killed 6,300 people in the central provinces of Russia, which was all that the Soviet then held. That was not bad for the first year's business in butchery, but in 1919 and 1920 the Cheka beat all records, and is credibly reported to have bumped off 50,000. (This includes the pitiless crushing of the Red Navy mutiny at Kronstadt.) When Dora Kaplan shot at Lenin in 1918, wounding him, the Cheka put 500 prisoners in Leningrad against the wall without trial.

HEAD of the Cheka in these days was Felix Dzerjinsky, the Pole, a poet and an ascetic, a man of pure life and noble ideals. Like Saint Just, the most terrible of the Jacobin terrorists, he killed "without passion," believing that the revolution must be saved for the sake of living millions and future generations.

The Cheka sentenced men by secret trial, or if time pressed, shot them without trial. Times change, but not Secret Police.

When the civil war ended, the Cheka's immediate task was done. But it is easier to create an all-powerful organ in any State than to destroy it. Too many men have vested interests in it, and they are desperate men whose trade has made them implacable enemies.

So the Cheka became the OGPU—under the same chief and with the same officers. They were reorganised into a dual service, detective and military. This is the two-edged sword that Stalin now wields.

The GPU has its own budget, and it is secret. Until the other day it had its own courts. It still dominates the ordinary Soviet law courts. Its spies are spread throughout the land. Nobody has ever assessed their number. But their strength may be gauged from the fact that every Russian half-believes that the next one belongs to the "Three Letters."

THE "VERY IDEA"

RAILS ARE WHAT WE PUT OUR FEET ON

By Eddie "Stephenson" Kelly

GASPS of relief greeted our return from Canton. We came down by train.

George was with us. He was like the engine—a little loco.

Knocked about by the constant jolting, we were. We should have taken cushions. The engine may have had a tender behind, but it had nothing on us.

We were delayed for over an hour at Chekwan, waiting for an air raid that didn't happen.

The Japanese didn't want to disturb the railway sleepers.

We've often heard of people being on the water wagon, but we weren't like that yesterday. In fact, we were on the Wagons Lit.

There was a honeymoon couple in the next compartment. They didn't uncouple once. It was a strain on we buffers next door.

The ignorance of most people about trains is amazing.

Trains roll on steel rails which men steal from the bowels of the earth. This is the principal difference from ships, which steal pretty well everything from the bowels of men when they roll.

Steam makes a train go, although lots of people blame the K.C.R. clock for being fast.

Westinghouse brakes make them stop. Our doctor once applied the brakes to us by putting us in a Westinghouse.

The K.C.R. people should be good weather prophets. Their outlook is mostly fare.

That will be all to-day, girls. As we say in the goods-sheds: "My, doesn't she look a freight!"

YOU can't count spies, but soldiers you can see. The GPU has its own army, 50,000 strong. They include the red-capped railway patrol and the green-capped frontier guard. They are the best-paid, best-equipped, and best-disciplined troops that the Stalin regime commands.

Last year the GPU passed through another metamorphosis. Officially they were abolished, and their functions taken over by the new Commissariat for Internal Affairs (Narkomvnutdel). Many people in England thought "Hullo! Russia is going to have a respectable Home Office Administration, with a nice Scotland Yard and general control of the police."

What happened in fact is that the Secret Police, OGPU, Cheka, call them what you like, so long as a state within the State, have begun to swallow up the State from the inside. They still hold secret "administrative" trials, they still dominate any open trials, they still shoot without trial, as they did when Stalin's friend Kirov was assassinated and 117 prisoners in Leningrad were executed out of hand.

THE methods of the GPU—for the name sticks—are secret and anonymous denunciation, midnight arrest (when the vitality is low and publicity, too) and third degree interrogation.

You may doubt the stories of physical torture. There is no question of the mental racking that the GPU prisons practise. Prisoners are urged to "confess" in order to lighten their sentences. They are tricked into incriminating their colleagues on the pretence that the others have already betrayed them.

And then they are cynically double-crossed and shot after all, as the wretched figures at the walling wall of Moscow proved when they died under the firing squad bullets the other day.

Nathan Walters

24 STROKES OF CANE FOR THIEF

Educated Thief Was Formerly Officer In Chinese Army

Said to be a man of education with a knowledge of fluent English, Chung Chak-sun, 20, was charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with larceny of a gold earring from a partly paralysed woman in Tung Choi Street yesterday.

Sergeant W. Sykes said that the complainant was a 57-year-old invalid widow, and she was robbed by the defendant outside her house.

The defendant said that he had been educated in a local English School and had been for past years employed in different capacities. He was at one time a Sub-Lieutenant under a well-known Chinese General.

In asking for leniency the defendant stated that he had committed the offence as the result of temptation. Before sentencing the defendant to 24 strokes of the cane and four months' hard labour, Mr. Barnett said that a man of education should be able to resist temptation. The offence committed was a cowardly and brutal one, he added.

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen in the first court, another snatcher, Chu Yat, 20, with a previous conviction for a similar offence, was sentenced to nine months and 12 strokes of the cane for stealing a pair of earrings from a woman in Boundary Street on Monday.

Inspector F. T. J. Portallion said that Chu had used considerable force in taking the earrings. He had been chased and caught by PCB 130, and the earrings had been found in his mouth.

CAR DRIVERS FINED

EUROPEANS CHARGED WITH SPEEDING

Summoned before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning for driving his car at a dangerous speed along Queen's Road East on February 24, Mr. H. Seidler was fined \$15.

Sub-Inspector Baker said he followed Mr. Seidler from the Grand Cinema to Arsenal Street, and his speed was never under 30 miles per hour. When stopped in Pedder Street, defendant said he did not know he was doing 30 miles per hour.

Mr. J. Middleton-Smith was fined \$10 for driving at a speed dangerous to the public along Queen's Road East on February 26.

Travelling Sergeant G. Youe said that defendant was doing 32 miles per hour along a controlled area, and traffic at that time was going both ways.

Pleading guilty to the offence by letter, Mr. C. T. Manning was cautioned for leaving his car unattended in Queen's Road Central on February 10.

For parking his car in Ice House Street on February 21, Mrs. L. G. Disbrow was fined \$5. Defendant did not appear in Court, but pleaded guilty by letter.

LORRY DRIVER FINED

A driver of a motor lorry, Kwok Wah, was summoned for speeding and overloading in King's Road on February 21. Inspector Saunders said the lorry was passing the dockyard at noon on February 21 when the road was crowded with people who were leaving the dockyard. The driver was sounding his horn continually, and as he was driving about 20 miles per hour and was also overloading, he would have had considerable difficulty in pulling up. A fine of \$10 was imposed for overloading, and 20 on the charge of speeding.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN MOUNTS

London, Mar. 7. The Ministry of Labour estimates that at February 14, the number of insured persons in employment was approximately 11,324,000. This was 15,000 more than in January and on comparable basis, 20,000 more than a year ago.

At the same date the registered unemployed numbered 1,810,241 comprising 1,404,912 wholly unemployed, 335,034 temporarily laid off, and 70,425 normally in casual employment. This was 17,186 less than a month ago, and on comparable basis, 238,000 more than a year ago.—British Wireless.

THREE CASES OF POISONING

Found unconscious in Room 11 of the Tung Shan Hotel yesterday, Tong Tai-ming, 28, was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital. He is believed to be suffering from an overdose of adrenaline.

Chan Suet-ming, 28, of 227 Shanghai Street, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from the effects of opium poisoning.

A married woman, Chan Sai-chiu, was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital for a similar cause.

Discussing New Five-Power Pact

Anglo-Italian Talk Waits On Departure Of Beck From Rome

Rome, Mar. 7. The Anglo-Italian conversations will open with a meeting between Lord Perth and Count Ciano at the Foreign Office to-morrow evening. The initial meeting, it is believed, will be devoted to preparing an agenda for future meetings, as it is thought that Count Ciano is too busy entertaining Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, who is on a goodwill visit to Rome, to start seriously the Anglo-Italian talks before the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council on March 10.

The Italian press has made no comment on the impending talks, but all attacks on Britain have ceased, while Italian correspondents in London are quick to record any indication of British goodwill towards Italy.

Colonel Beck to-day held conversations with Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano. It is rumoured that the question of a Five Power understanding, between Poland, France, Italy, Britain and Germany, was discussed.—Reuter.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS SOON

Rome, Mar. 8. Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, and Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, will start Anglo-Italian negotiations after Colonel Josef Beck, Polish politician, has departed.

It is officially stated that there will be a preliminary meeting to-morrow night.—United Press.

DOMINIONS INFORMED

London, Mar. 7. The Prime Minister told the House of Commons at question time that the Dominions had been kept fully informed on the opening of discussions with Italy. They would be kept informed of all developments, and would have every opportunity of expressing their views. The question of assent could only arise in the event of any of the dominions being asked to assume active obligation.—British Wireless.

MANY JAPANESE KILLED IN CHINESE TRAPS

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Japanese heavy machines fell into the trenches and were helpless.

Traffic on the Beijing-Hankow Railway north of Changteh has been resumed after repairs were completed, and many Chinese railway officers and workers who failed to escape in time have been detained by the Japanese to continue to work on the railway.—Central News.

Islands Recovered

Linnan, Chekiang, Mar. 8. The Cheng Su Islands, off the Chekiang coast, have been totally recaptured by the Chinese forces. The Japanese on Changtshan, an island off the coast of Chekiang, were withdrawn on March 4.—Central News.

Chinese Launch Night Attack

Fanchang, Mar. 8. Under cover of darkness, Chinese forces on the Wuhu front attacked the Japanese troops at Palmashan off the Nanking-Wuhu Railway near Wuhu on the night of March 6. Some 100 Japanese soldiers were slain.—Central News.

Chinese Attack Wukang.

Kwangtung, Anhwei, Mar. 8. Two Chinese columns are driving simultaneously toward Wukang, on the Hangchow-Wushing highway, from Tientsin and Hsiaofoen respectively. They have reached Pienpukiao, a point in the southern suburbs. Gunfire is now audible inside Wukang city.—Central News.

YOUNG EGYPTIAN IN TROUBLE. MUST LEAVE H.K.

Georges Philippos, 19, Egyptian, appeared on remand before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport, evading the payment of a taxi-cab fare of \$7.70, and with being a vagrant in Hongkong. Defendant gave himself up to the police, but took a taxi ride around the Colony before calling at the Central Station. He held a Greek passport which was not valid in Hongkong. Defendant came from Shanghai being unable to find work there.

This morning with the aid of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, \$7.70 was refunded to the taxi-cab company. The youth will be sent back to Shanghai on March 18.

KNOCKED DOWN BY TRAMCAR

Knocked down by a tramcar in Kennedy Town, Lo Wing, 25, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to the head and hands.

Through jumping off a moving train in King's Road yesterday, Ng Woon, 67, sustained injuries to the hand, and was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

QUESTIONS GOVERNMENT ON SECURITY OF H.K. IN EVENT OF ATTACK

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brought into Hongkong on board the s.s. Scharnhorst and s.s. Kayang."

1. What is the date of the Commission's Report?

2. Is it the intention of Government to publish the Report for the information of the public, and if so, when?

3. If it is not the intention of Government to publish the Report, will Government state the reasons for not publishing the same?

The Director of Public Works will move the following resolution: Resolved that the approval of the Governor in Council of permission to construct a new single tramway track leading from the double tramway track in King's Road to Inland Lots Nos. 4955 and 2546 as shown in Enclosure (94) in C.S.O. 9385/04, and to maintain a tramcar shed on the said Inland Lots in connexion therewith be confirmed.

TAKING PRECAUTIONS

The Attorney General will move the First Reading of: An Ordinance to make provision for the periodical examination of Gas-holders.

The Object of this Bill is to enable the Governor in Council to make regulations for the inspection of gas-holders.

It results from a petition and other representations which have been made to the Government after a gas holder explosion which occurred at West Point, Hongkong, on May 14, 1934.

The regulations in the Schedule place the obligation of carrying out periodical inspections on the proprietors of the gasholder; but provide that in the case of the annual examinations, to ascertain the external condition of all gasholders, and of the septennial examination, to ascertain the internal condition of gasholders more than fifteen years old, the proprietors' examination shall be accompanied by a Government observer.

The regulations also provide for the making, keeping and furnishing of records and reports of the examinations and of all work done in consequence thereof.

EMIGRATION PROMISE

The Attorney General will move the first reading of: An Ordinance to amend the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915.

The object of this amending Bill is to exclude the sick bay or hospital of emigrant ships licensed under the provisions of the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, from the passenger deck space required to be measured for the purpose of determining the number of emigrants to be carried in such ship.

The amendment is necessary in order to allow for the proper segregation of sick emigrants, particularly those suffering from infectious or contagious disease, and to prevent the overcrowding which necessarily results under the existing law from such segregation.

AMENDING PREFERENCE SCHEME

The Attorney General will move the first reading of: An Ordinance to amend the Empire Preference Ordinance, 1932.

As Burma has now been separated from India, the former country is no longer covered by the definition of "The British Empire" contained in section 2 of the principal Ordinance, as amended by the Empire Preference Amendment Ordinance, 1934.

Clause 2 of this Bill inserts the word "Burma" immediately after the word "India" in that definition, in pursuance of instructions given by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his circular despatch of December 23, 1937.

OVERTURES OF PEACE OFFERED?

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an agricultural country and as such she is invincible.

"Granted that a protracted war will one day ruin China, by that time Japan will also have been ruined," the soldier-statesman said.

Optimism over the outcome of the war is not based on sheer imagination, General Chang remarked. Japan has already sustained heavy losses. It is doubtful how long she can stand the strain.

Enormous Strain

According to statistics from trustworthy sources Japan has mobilised 1,400,000 regulars, her reserves have been drawn upon and she has already used much of her army strength.

As to Japan's air force, statistics reveal that some 300 airmen have been killed in action, and according to estimates of foreign military observers, one-third of her air force equipment.

As to Japanese casualties, the Japanese high military command reported 200,000. This may not mean much to China, with her enormous population, but to Japan it is a frightfully high figure.

General Chang pointed out the futility of the "make Chinese rule China" policy of Japan. "Traitors," he said, "command no respect. If they could accomplish anything, China would not have had her long history."—Central News.

Ex-Employee Sues To Regain Lost Salary

Expert Testimony On Character Meanings

Expert evidence regarding the translation of certain characters in various documents was given by the Rev. H. R. Wells at the Summary Court this morning, when before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, the Plaintiff, Judge, hearing was continued in the action brought against the China Emporium, by one of its former employees, Cheung Pik-sun, who claimed \$405.47 as balance of wages due after he had been dismissed from the Company.

It was alleged that some time in August, 1934, a verbal agreement had been made between the plaintiff and the defendant that as from August 16, 1934, a sum equivalent to 20 per cent of plaintiff's wages would be retained by the Company, and repaid if and when the Company made profits.

Plaintiff was dismissed on August 31, 1936, and his claim was for wages from August 16, 1934 to August 31, 1936.

He was represented by Mr. W. A. Mackinnon, of Deacons, while Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for the China Emporium.

The Rev. Mr. Wells, who has been a member of the Board of Examiners for Government translators and interpreters for the past 40 years, said that his interpretation of the character in a document which had been translated as "restored," was "repaid." The meaning of the sentence, in his opinion, meant "to repay gradually by instalments."

UNQUALIFIED PROMISE

Replying to his Lordship, witness said he thought it meant an unqualified promise of repayment.

The next witness, Lau Bun, said he was formerly employed in the China Emporium, which he left in August, 1936. He was present at a meeting of the general manager of the firm with the head of the department, and the question of a salary cut was discussed. The cut was to be imposed on account of the world depression, witness said he had been told, and was to be on a fixed scale.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said it did not occur to him to ask for a refund of his salary when he left the employment of the China Emporium. He agreed that he had no right to ask for it.

CASE TO ANSWER

Mr. Lo submitted he had no case to answer, but his Lordship ruled to the contrary, and Mr. Chan Harr, general manager of the China Emporium was called for the defence.

Mr. Chan said he was employed on a written agreement, which had been drawn up in 1932, and was to last for 10 years. The firm commenced business in September, 1933, and the effects of the world depression were much felt in 1934, when the firm was losing money. He devised a scheme in July, 1934, for a cut in salary, which he submitted to the firm's Executive Committee of Directors, who approved of it. The heads of departments were called together, and each was given a paper announcing the cut.

The papers were later returned, as they were confidential documents. The hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on March 15.

60 SNATCHED FROM DEATH AT SEA

(Continued from Page 1.)

members of the crew of the Yolande miraculously swam through the boiling surf to the shore. Another nine members who attempted to swim ashore before the Capetown attempted rescue work are feared to be drowned.

Captain Berlin and his daughter, who have been inseparable companions since the death of Mme. Berlin some years ago, will probably be brought to Hongkong.

This is the second occasion in two years in which they have been wrecked together.

The Yolande went ashore on a reef in the Hainan Straits on December 27, 1935.

The Hongkong tug Talkoo was despatched to her assistance and took off all the crew, including Miss Berlin.

By jettisoning the whole of the cargo, which included over 6,000 tons of coal, the Yolande was successfully refloated on January 7, despite the fact that Chinese stevedores engaged on jettisoning work struck work two days previously.

The Yolande was in Hongkong as recently as December 4 last year, when she came out of Talkoo Dock after overhaul.

INTERESTING CAREER

Her career since she was launched at the Pickerskill Yards in Sunderland in 1912 has been a most varied one.

In the intervening years she has had less than nine names. She was launched as the Electra, and successively became the Erodiade, Keresen, Mount Seward, Debrezen, Fenwell, Chislehurst, Yolande B., and Yolande.

She was purchased by Captain Berlin, who was formerly commander of the Henri Riviere, from the British Steamship Co. Ltd., of London, under whose ownership she was known as the Chislehurst.

She has been on the China coast for some years, and is registered under the French flag in Shanghai. Until recently she was under charter to Messrs. Wallem and Co., but on the present trip was chartered by the Kailan Mining Administration.

The ship is stated to be insured with the French Asiatic Insurance Company.

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7.25 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.30 London Relay—All Kinds of People—5.

A New Zealander's experiences in canvassing for a newspaper in Lancashire by Nesbitt Sellers.

7.45 Studio—'International Women's Day'; a talk by Tsi-Dai Irene Ho.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Studio—Concert by the Light Orchestra of H.M. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).

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1. Demoselles Chic (Fletcher); 2. Sashinka (Schirrmann); 3. Liebeslied (Kreiser); 4. Tales of Hoffman; Dancin' (Offenbach); 5. Sympathy (Pierini); 6. After all these years (Nietols).

8.33 Schumann—Papillons, Op. 2.

Played by Alfred Cortot (Piano).

8.48 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Music of the Scherers (Knepler-J. Strauss, arr. F. Mittler); The Shepherd on the Rock (Chezy-Schubert).

9.0 Military Band Concert.

Poet And Peasant—Overture (Suppe, arr. Retford)... The Band Of H. M. Goldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. R. C. Evans; Dance Of The Flowers—Valse (from 'Le Corsaire Ballet')—Delibes; Slavonic Dance No. 5 (Dvorak-Op. 72/5—arr. Williams)... The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell; Sea Songs Medley (arr. Vaughan Williams); Ship Ahoy March (arr. MacKenzie)...

Massed Bands of The Royal Marines cond. by G. C. Keen; The Changing Of The Guard—Ceremony... Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Major George Miller.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Variety and Dance Programme.

Dance Orch.—Foggy Day In London—Fox-Trot (film 'Damsel In Distress')... Nice Work If You Can Get It—Fox-Trot (film 'Damsel In Distress')... Jack Harris and His Orchestra; Humorous—John Henry's Night Out... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge; Orchestra—Waltzes Of The World—Polpourri (arr. Robrecht)... Orchestra Mascotte; Vocal—Aren't Women Wonderful (Shapiro and Scott); He Hadn't Up Till Yesterday (Wright, Haines, Tucker and Meskill); Sophie Tucker; Dance Orch.—Trumbology—Fox-Trot; Goose Pimples—Fox-Trot... Bix Beiderbecke and His Orch.; Vocal—The Wedding Of A Gigolo (Pola, Nesbitt and Walker); I Want To Be A Nudist... Eddie Pola; Dance Orch.—Must You Say Goodbye?—Waltz (film 'Burg-theater'); Where The World Ends—Fox-Trot... Eugen Wolff and His Orchestra; Vocal—Covered Wagon Lullaby (Freeman and Leonard); The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine (from the film)... The Hill Billies; Piano—'On Your Toes'—Medley (Hart and Rodgers)... Victor Ellis.

10.45 London Relay—'Arry and Liza in Cockney Canoes.

11.0 Close down.

AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS DEMAND FREEDOM

Vienna, Mar. 8.

The first public Socialist meeting for four years was held in the Floridsdorf district of Vienna, attended by 500 factory delegates and many others just released from concentration camps. They demanded freedom for the workers as a condition for supporting Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg against the Nazis.—Reuter.

Empress Liner Brings British Naval Men To Hongkong

Vancouver, Mar. 8.


The Empress of Japan left to-day carrying 22 British seamen and petty officers for Hongkong, to assume duties on the China station.—United Press.

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TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES STILL ONE-SIDED

EIGHT MATCHES DECIDED IN STRAIGHT SETS

RAZACK, LIANG AND LAND WIN SINGLES

(By "Abo")

While watching the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday afternoon, I could not help overhearing a conversation between two spectators. One of them complained "I have not seen a really good match in this year's championships," and the other agreed. I am also inclined to agree.

Several of yesterday's ties had promised to be interesting ones, but again they proved disappointing. Altogether three matches were decided in the Singles and four in the doubles, and in every case only two sets were necessary to reach a decision.

Even allowing for the fact that he was not accustomed to playing on grass, D. K. Leung, the Canton singles champion, showed surprisingly poor form against I. M. A. Razack of the Indian R.C. Possessing a good style, Leung obviously has plenty of good tennis in him, but he was far too careless yesterday and his defeat was due as much to his own mistakes as to Razack's good play. As a matter of fact, all Razack had to do to keep a rally going and it was fairly certain that his opponent would concede him the point by making a mistake. There were occasions, however, when Leung beat Razack by sheer pace, but they were rare and far between.

OPPONENT SIZED UP

To Razack's credit was that he had had his opponent sized up very early in the encounter and he played accordingly. Usually an erratic player himself, he was surprisingly patient throughout and went to his points surely if not spectacularly.

An overcast weakness at the beginning of his match with S. W. Liang rather undermined A. V. Gosano's confidence. As long as he was able to entice his opponent to drive when he was up at the net, Gosano was happy because his volley was in good working order; but when Liang employed the lob, Gosano was all at sea. It cannot be said that Liang's lobs were good ones—in fact they were very often short—but nevertheless Gosano failed to "kill" even the shortest of them.

Liang's best game was in defence, mostly from the base-line. He seldom attacked because his forehand was weak. A perceptible lifting of the face of his racket just before the moment of impact took all the sting out of his forehand drive, but his backhand was very steady.

I saw little of the game between W. A. Land and F. A. Broadbridge, but judging by the few games which I did manage to see, a military player must have been right on top of his form in the first set; for he was not very impressive in the last few games in the second set. True, he was serving well with the wind behind him, but he was too prone to over-drive.

DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT

In the doubles, the Rumjahn cousins showed a definite improvement on last week's form. Against Leung Ping-chiu and Marsland, they received little opposition and won with the concession of a game in each set.

H. Owen Hughes and T. A. Pearce were up against a rather weak combination in Lelisa Lew and Peter U. and H. A. Barros and J. Gonsalves were much too good for Wong Fuk-nam and Cheng Ping-yeung.

Wei Chung and Pang Oi-lam gave Luk Ding-cheung and Wong Shi-

wing, last year's semi-finalists, a harder fight than the scores of 6-0, 6-3 would suggest. This was due to the fact that Luke and Wong took the match rather casually.

Scores:

SINGLES

W. A. Land beat F. A. Broadbridge 6-1, 6-3.
S. W. Liang beat A. V. Gosano 6-3, 6-4.
I. M. A. Razack beat D. K. Leung 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES

Luk Ding-cheung and Wong Shi-ling beat Wei Chung and Pang Oi-lam 6-0, 6-3.
H. Owen Hughes and T. A. Pearce beat Lelisa Lew and Peter U. 6-1, 6-2.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Leung Ping-chiu and Marsland 6-1, 6-1.
H. A. Barros and J. Gonsalves beat Wong Fuk-nam and Cheng Ping-yeung 6-3, 6-1.

CLUB SINGLES

W. Sander beat T. E. Nave 6-0, 6-2.
H. J. Armstrong beat H. J. Biddle 6-0, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Singles.—A. Crawford v. B. Sze-to; E. C. Fincher v. F. V. Harrison. Doubles.—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. I. Agaturoff and J. Pengelly; O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans v. M. K. and M. W. Lo. Club singles.—T. C. Monaghan v. N. W. Dimsey.

Club handicap singles.—L. Gold-man v. L. Cdr. C. B. Nicholson; E. R. Price v. W. M. Burton; W. Wood-ing v. A. D. Humphreys.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL CUP DRAW

London, Mar. 7.

The draw of the fourth round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on March 10, resulted as follows:

Kilmarnock v. Morton or Ayr U.
St. Bernards v. Motherwell
Falkirk v. Rangers
East Fife or Aberdeen v. Raith R.

—Reuter...

REFEREES' MEETING

The fortnightly Hongkong Football Referees' Association meeting was held last night. The Chairman (Mr. T. G. Stokes) presided. Minutes of the last meeting were read and the annual dinner was decided upon, which will be held in Jimmy's Kitchen on Monday, March 14, at 8 p.m.



Members of the Club "A" Seven-a-Side rugby team with the Blarney Stone Shield which they won once again on Saturday by beating H.M.S. Adventure "A" by 20 points to five in the final. J. C. Miller, the captain, is seated in the middle of the front row. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Hough Wins On Points, Cheered Wildly

"I SHALL GO ALL OUT"

By Trevor Wignall

London, Jan. 25.

At the end of the ninth round in his return fight, Frank Hough the Fighting Hussar, turned to the ringside spectators and smilingly shouted, "Now I shall go all out."

He did not quite do that, mainly because the light-heavy-weight champion of France refused to permit such a happening, but Hough nevertheless delivered a sufficient number of blows to make his points victory—which was so popular that it was received with the wildest cheering—a very clear one.

CHANGED STYLE

In the first five rounds Hough was not so fresh and confident as he usually is. He actually did a lot of retreating, but he explained his failure to indulge in body punching by stating that he was fearful of repeating the blow which brought about his disqualification a couple of weeks ago.

Hough last night depended almost entirely on punches to his opponent's head. He changed his tactics and style in the cleverest fashion—that is what makes watching him such a pleasure—and in the seventh round, to the enormous delight of the crowd, he dropped Lauriot with a left, followed by a stiff right which kept the Frenchman down for eight seconds.

This was the turn of the tide so far as the Hussar was concerned. His customary cheeky confidence returned, and instead of resorting backwards he stood still and going to the counter punching of which he is such a master.

TOUGHEST YET

On last night's showing Lauriot is the toughest opponent Hough has met since he found fame only a few weeks ago. The Frenchman is ex-his has a looping left-hand upper-corded strong and aggressive, and

cut that Hough was glad to get away from after he had sampled it a few times.

Lauriot, however, was lucky not to be disqualified for low hitting in the first and third rounds. He was cautioned by Mr. Moss Deyong, but throughout he made the on-lookers apprehensive by the lowness of his swings.

The contest was as good as any seen in London for years. It was all action from beginning to end, and in the final round the noise of the cheering was nearly deafening.

Hough was a good winner, and any fears that he is not ready to fight Jack McAvoy for the British light-heavy-weight title have now been finally destroyed. His attractiveness as a crowd-puller also continues to be amazing.

9,000 THERE

Earl's Court was again jammed with more than 9,000 people, which means that on the five occasions he has fought for the National Sporting Club Hough has been watched by over 30,000. Nothing like this has ever before been known in the history of British boxing.

He will not fight next Monday, but only because he has been engaged at £80 per week to appear with Jack Hilton's band. I understand he will play the harmonica and perhaps even a song.

On the following Monday he will set up another record by doing two performances at New Cross and by sandwiching in a bout at Earl's Court between them. It is hoped his opponent will be Arno Koblin, the champion of Germany.

If Hough gets applause for his harmonica selections and also whips the German, all in the same evening, there will be every reason to describe him as the most extraordinary fighter the world has ever known.

16 For Walker Cup Trial

John B. Beck, of Sundridge Park, has been appointed captain of the British Walker Cup golf team to meet the United States on June 3 and 4 at St. Andrews.

The selection committee have invited the following sixteen players to take part in trials on May 5 and 6 at St. Andrews.

E. Beasley-Davenport (Wilm-slow), James Bruen, jun. (Mus-kerrey), Leonard G. Crawley (Branc-epeth Castle), Cecil Ewing (Co. Sligo), J. Graham (Wilderness), J. E. Gent (Bradford Moor), E. D. Hamilton (Rialston), A. Jamieson (Pollok), A. T. Kyle (Sand Moor), J. D. A. Langley (Cambridge Uni-versity), D. H. Lewis (Cardiff), J. J. F. Pennink (Royal Ashdown Forest), G. B. Peters (Ferenze), K. B. Scott (Oxford University), Charles Stowe (Penn), Hector Thomson (Williams-wood).

Langley, Ewing, Peters and Thom-son played in the match against the United States at Pine Valley in 1936. Crawley and Jamieson have both previously played for Great Britain. There are four Scots, two Irish-men, and one Welshman among the sixteen invited for the trial.

One Change In Scottish Team

London, Mar. 7.

The Scottish International rugby team to play England on March 19 will be the same as the one which played against Wales and Ireland, except that Wrenwick (London Scottish) replaces Drummond as wing three-quarter.

The team will, therefore, be as follows:

George Roberts; Wrenwick, Dick, MacRae, J. C. Forrest; Shaw, T. F. Forward; J. B. Borthwick, J. D. Hastie, Inglis, Horsburgh, Roy, Young, Duff and W. H. Crawford.—Reuter.

Champion Retains Her Golf Title

Filipino Lady Succeeds Again

Manila, Feb. 27.

This year's Philippine women's open golf champion is again Miss Dominga Capati, short, stocky, 28-year-old combination housemaid and washerwoman to two American offi-cials of the Camtaran Sugar Estate in Laguna province.

The only Filipino woman to partici-pate in national tournaments for several years, Miss Capati won this year's title from a field of 19 foreigners. Runner-up was Miss C. Morgan of Germany and third honours went to Mrs. E. J. Sanders of the United States. Miss Capati also won the medalist honours in the qualifying round and the special approaching and putting competition.

Nobody taught Miss Capati how to play golf and she has not read any book in the sport. Back in 1932, she acquired four golf clubs with her meagre savings and started "dig-ging" at the sugar estate's course outside of her "office hours." Two years later she won the Manila municipal links tournament.

It has taken much of the domest-ic's earnings to buy the necessary four woods and ten irons, on the in-statement plan, to complete her out-fit, but she said she feels amply re-warded by the array of cups she has won. A home run cloutier in indoor baseball, she said this sport more than her washing was responsible for her big muscles.

THIRD ATTEMPT
This year was the third time Miss Capati competed in the national open meet. The first was in 1936 when she first emerged champion. In 1937, she was runner-up to the former Miss Jane Plagemann, 1932 champion of Oregon state.

Miss Capati has ambitions of travelling and playing golf in other countries. She also intends to turn pro after reading about the fine points of the game in books she in-tends to buy. She admits she is not good in "theoretical" golf.

Fatherless since early in childhood, she had to leave school after barely finishing the primary grades to help support her family.

Asked how she came to speak English rather well, she said:

"Well, I guess I learned my Eng-lish like I learned my golf."—United Press.

Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

Important Ties Played During Last Week-End

Craigengower On Level Terms With Indians

Though there were alarms and excursions on Satur-day last when the penultimate steps towards the decision of the Senior Shield were taken, there were only two keynote matches so to speak! The surprise of the day was the failure of the K.C.C. to beat the Club de Recreio. The trouble was, I think, undoubtedly that the bowling of the K.C.C. broke down.

Lee and Lloyd had to do prac-tically the whole of the trundling for they sent down 33 overs out of the 45 bowled. I do not know why Anderson only bowled one over but he seems rather to have lost his form with the ball at present, which is most unfortunate for Kowloon. The wicket was wet on top and the ball turned very slowly and sat up so that E. L. Gosano could do more or less what he liked with it. I believe he got 50 out of the first 70 scored. The K.C.C. fielding was not very good and though only actually two chances were dropped, a lot of runs might have been saved. I under-stand that Gosano was not dropped.

ENOUGH TIME TO GET THEM

The K.C.C. went in at 4.30 p.m. and they had thus 105 minutes to get 150 runs which is by no means an impossible task although it must be remembered that the Recreio ground is a large one and the out-field was pretty wet. However, when Anderson cooked one up to mid-on after he had made 11, apparently all attempts to win the match were abandoned. The next three men failed badly and only T. A. Madar did anything, barring Teddy Fincher, whose 40 was an excellent innings though on the slow side. I have been interested to see that Madar seems to bat much better now they have moved him from the position of the opening batsman. Kowloon were never in any danger of losing the game, but I think that barring miracles their chances for the Shield have gone completely.

A WEAK TEAM

I suppose it has something to do with training camps and military operations, but the Army side. (It was not an eleven) was only a shadow of its proper self. Actually they were one man short, which seems amazing, especially as Army "A" were not playing. (Incident-ally I noticed Army "B" were one short!) Anyway only Man, Rawstorne, Godby and Hatfield were play-ing out of the Army proper first. All the same they made an excellent fight of it. Webb and Northcott, two players from Junior teams, both failed at the start of the game but Man settled down to play a very steady knock and if Rawstorne had not got inside one a bit and been taken at cover there might have

been a very different story. As it was, Godby settled down at once and while he and Man were together everything looked alright. However, once the latter went it was all rather hopeless. Godby hit gallantly and got up to 77 out of the 152. Bill-moria bowled excellently (10-5-37-6) and did not seem to be worried by the matting at all.

WEAK BOWLING

It soon appeared that the Army bowlers did not like the matting al-though they ought to be more used to it than most! Hatfield was the only one of them who did anything good and A. R. H. Esmail (47) and F. R. Zimmern (71) did more or less what they liked. The other bowlers were terribly expensive and the runs were hit off with ample time to spare. It is most unfortunate that the Army could not turn out a full team though I do not think they would ever have any chance of beat-ing Craigengower. They might, however, have hoped for a draw. As it is, Craigengower's chances for the Shield look particularly rosy at present. I shall have something to say about them in my Friday article.

A GREAT GAME

By far the most interesting of the games which were played on Satur-day last was that between the Hong-kong Cricket Club and the I.R.C. on the ground of the latter team. The home team won the toss and put the Club in, which in nine cases out of ten on Saturday afternoon is right. I am not quite sure, however, if it paid in this case though it must be admitted that this gave the In-dians in the latter part of their in-nings the alternative of going out for the runs or of saving the game; for they were in the position that while a win outright practically put them safe, a complete loss de-finitely put them a point down. They were fortunate to be playing on the next door ground and very fairly early in the afternoon it seemed very probable the Craigen-gower would win their match.

However, when the innings opened the wicket was very slow and easy and Kilbee and Leckie put on runs quickly. Minu went off almost im-mediately but when he came on again with 40 on the board the wicket was beginning to dry under the influence of a fresh breeze and he got two wickets in his first over. (Continued on Page 9.)

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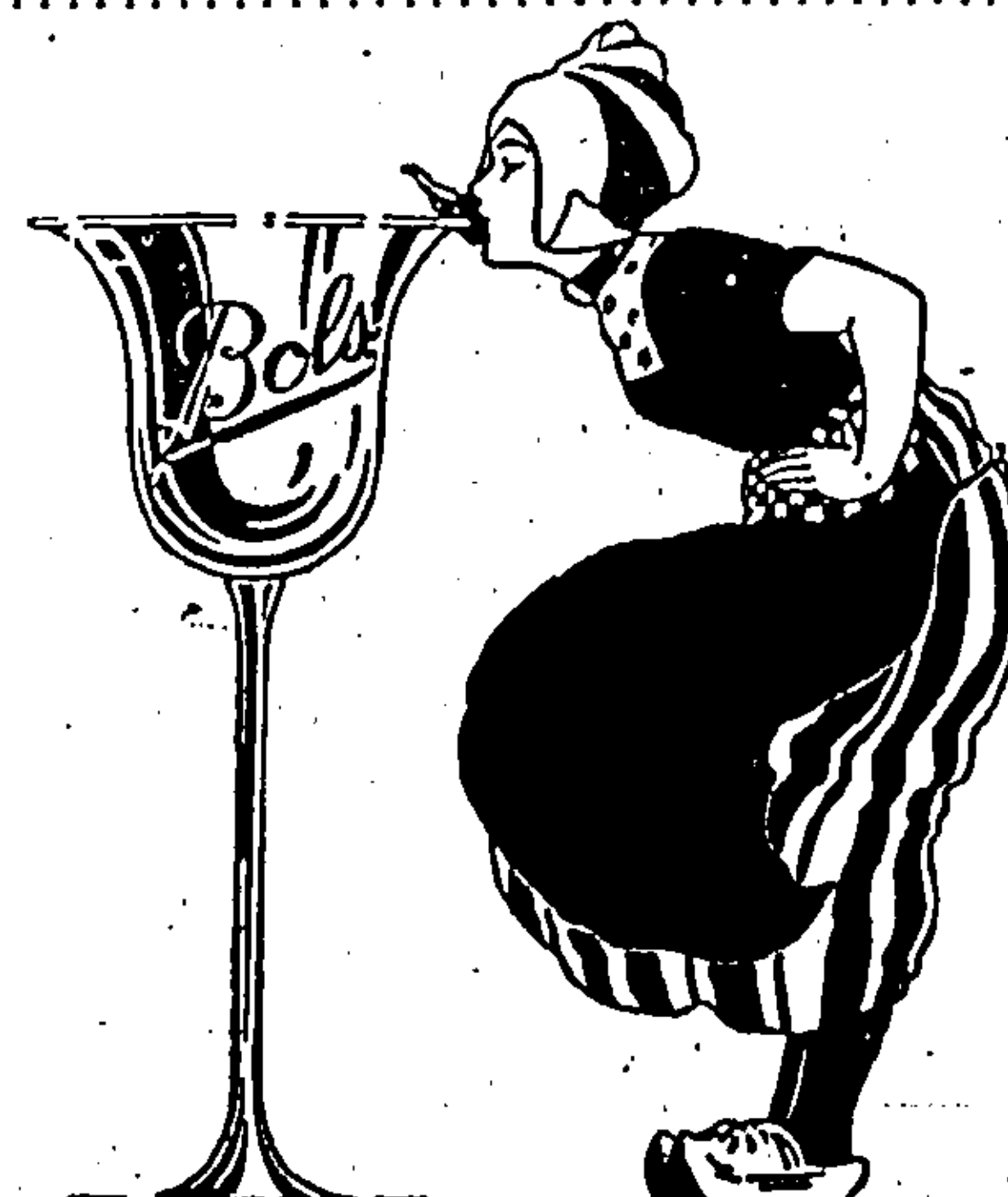
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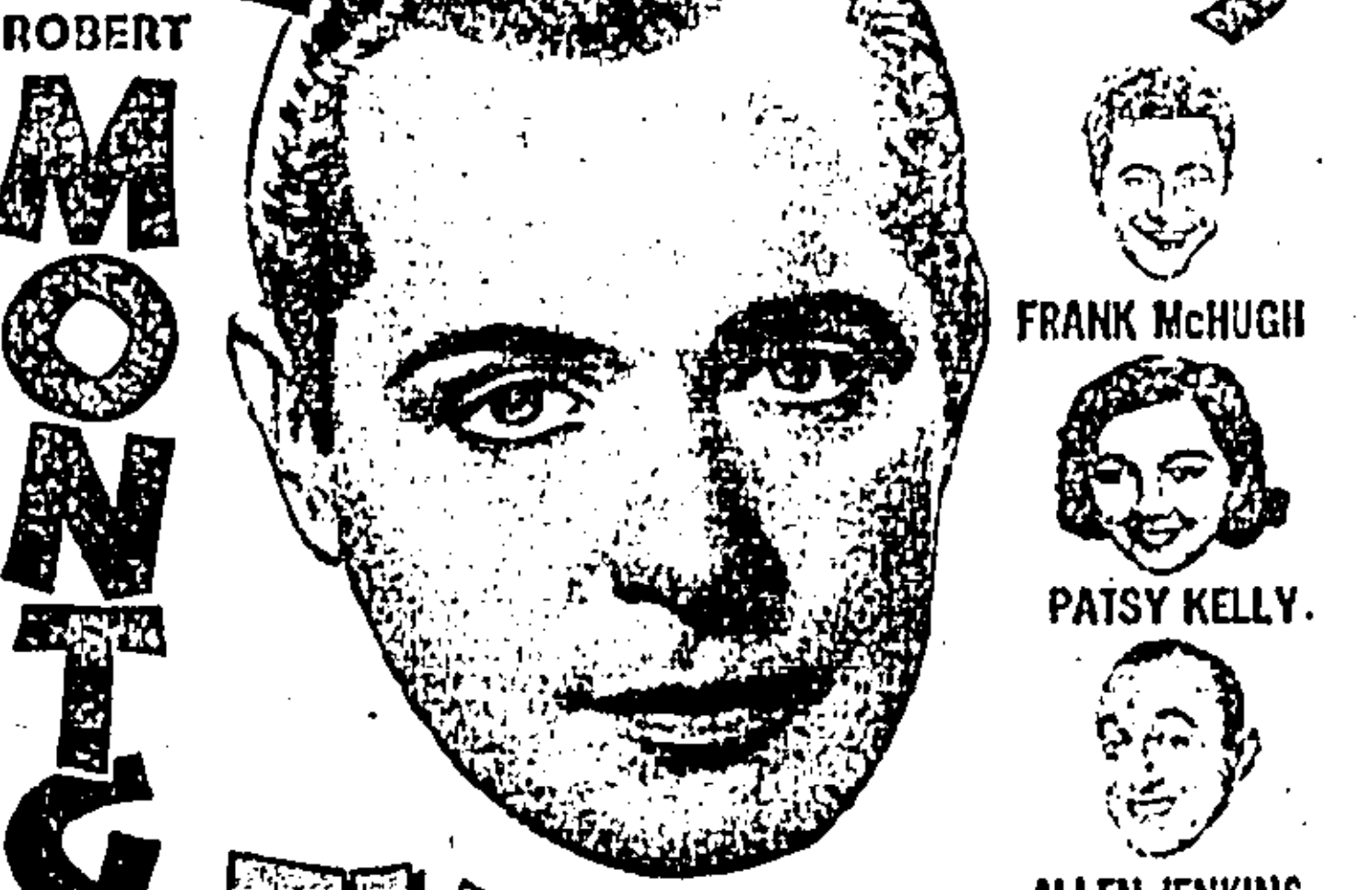
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PRIVATE CAR HIRED OUT; DRIVER FINED

In an attempt to use a private car for mercenary purposes Yee Choy, licensed driver, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with having used the vehicle for public hire at Connaught Road Central, on Monday afternoon.

Defendant pleaded guilty. Traffic-inspector S. C. Saunders stated that it was a serious case, as cases of this kind would affect the public cars in the Colony. The circumstances were that a Chinese woman, through the introduction of a coolie, agreed to travel to Wanchai for \$2.50. The woman, with her luggage, boarded the car, and the defendant gave 60 cents to the coolie for the introduction of the customer.

As soon as defendant had turned his car, he was arrested by the police who were watching the affair. Inspector Saunders added that his Department was very strict with public cars, and drivers like defendant would be fined all the more for the thorough examination of the cars by the traffic department. It was exceptionally difficult to get such cases. Imposing the fine his Worship remarked it was a serious offence and fined defendant \$50.

HOUSE-BREAKERS CAUGHT

Yeung Choi, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with breaking and entering the cadet's quarters at Deepwater Bay Golf Course on March 6 and stealing five pieces of cotton clothing, one cotton quilt, one felt hat, the property of Keng Shing-ngau. On pleading guilty to the charges, defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

Noticed by a Chinese detective boring holes in the back door of the ground floor of a house in Lockhart Road in the early hours of Sunday morning, Wong Tin, unemployed, was arrested. Before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, he pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting to break into the place, and also to possession of a housebreaking implement.

Defendant, who had one previous conviction for larceny from the person, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Climbing up the drainpipe into the second floor of a house in Kennedy Road on March 4, Chan Tak, unemployed, stole a lady's overcoat and six suits of pyjamas, valued at \$100. Defendant was stopped when he was on the point of leaving, and handed over to the police.

At the Central Magistracy defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour. He had two previous convictions.

SHOP-LIFTER TAKEN BY WATCHMAN

Charged with larceny of a roll of cloth from the drapery department of The Sun Company, Des Vocu Road Central, Li Ng, 29, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Detective-Sergeant D. Dowman, the prosecuting officer, said that the district watchman stopped the ricksha defendant was riding in and on searching him found the roll of cloth hidden under his long gown. Defendant admitted the theft on the spot.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Mar. 4.	Mar. 7.
Paris.....	154.1/32	154.31/64
Geneva.....	21.00%	21.00%
Berlin.....	12.40%	12.40%
Athens.....	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan.....	95 1/2	95 1/2
Oslo.....	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	19.42	19.42
Helsingfors.....	220 1/2	220 1/2
Shanghai.....	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York.....	5.01 1/2	5.00 1/2
Vienna.....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam.....	8.00 1/2	8.00 1/2
Frankfurt.....	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/3	1/3
Bombay.....	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
Montreal.....	5.01 1/2	5.00 1/2
Brussels.....	20.58	20.01
Yokohama.....	1/2	1/2
Belgrade.....	210	210
Bucharest.....	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo.....	21 1/2	21 1/2
Rio de Janeiro.....	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot).....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (forward).....	19 1/2	19 1/2
War Loan.....	102 1/2	102 1/2

—British Wireless.

Important Cricket Ties Last Saturday

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 8.)

Leckie was very well caught on the boundary at long off while Kilbee trod on his wicket in the same over in playing a leg shot. The score sheet was wrong, although after speaking to Kilbee I took the trouble to point it out to the scorer.

After this reverse things did not go very well for the Club. Owen-Hughes was well caught at cover and with 60 on the board John Pearce was bowled by Rumjahn. (I should not mention that owing to indisposition Alice Pearce was unable to play—a bit of bad luck for the Club). Haymes and Ride, however, put a very much better complexion on things and it was not until the score had reached 117 that the former, having hit a big four to mid-wicket, tried to repeat the shot off the next ball and was well taken at long-on (117-6-27). Hayward came in and began to play a very nice free innings though one big on-drive of his was actually touched by long-on just before it hit the face of the cliff. At 134 Ride was very



Owen Hughes He swung the game round.

well stumped by Ismail after he had scored 24 runs. Hayward continued to score very well and after two failures (44-5-0). Durnett not only kept his end up but hit an extremely good four past extra cover, a typical left-hander shot.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY

Ismail scored the first seven runs but was then taken in the slips by Hayward and a little later what was perhaps the Club's last chance of winning the game went, when Nazarin was dropped at the wicket off Owen-Hughes. He and Kitchell appeared to be quite at ease until after failing to find his length for some time Pearce yoked Nazarin (57-2-30). By this time the light was very bad and a heavy drizzle set in and though sawdust was brought out, runs came freely as the bowlers obviously could not control the ball. At this time it looked as if the I.R.C. would pull the game off but at 94 Kitchell hit Pearce tremendously hard behind square leg and Hayward took an excellent catch just in front of the Pavilion (94-3-40). The rain cleared a bit, and after Minu had made several big hits Pearce bowled him (109-4-12). The score rose to 132 when ten minutes remained for play and then Owen-Hughes, who had gone on at the Tug Wah end and bowled a great over in which he bowled Rahim and next ball got M. el Arculli magnificently caught on the square leg boundary by Ride who sprinted about ten yards to take the ball. The batsmen had changed ends and the ball afterwards Owen-Hughes completed his hat-trick by getting A. H. Madar (25) caught at the wicket. Seven wickets were now down for 132 but time was drawing near, and 15 more runs were scored for the loss of A. M. Rumjahn's wicket. The match ended in a draw. The weather conditions were so unpleasant and difficult that it would be hardly fair to speculate on which side ought to have won.

In my article on Friday next I hope to deal with the rest of last Saturday's games.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Lai Wah Cup Final On Sunday

The following are the football fixtures for the week-end:—

SATURDAY

First Division

Kowloon v. South China "B" (Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.).
South China "A" v. Club (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.).
St. Joseph's v. Seafarths (Causeway Bay, 4.30 p.m.).
Middlesex v. Police (Sookumpoo, 4.30 p.m.).
Kowloon Chinese v. Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.).

Second Division

Kwong Wah v. 5th A.A. Bde. R.A. (Kowloon, 3 p.m.).
S. China v. Club (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.).
Middlesex v. Kowloon (Sookumpoo, 3 p.m.).
Eastern v. Engineers (Chinese) (St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.).
Engineers (E) v. Police (Military, H.V., 3 p.m.).

SUNDAY

Lai Wah Cup Final

Chinese v. Army (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.).
Referee: Smyth, Linesmen: Goss and Lawrence.

EXCHANGE

	Selling	Buying
T.T. London.....	1s. 2 1/2	1s. 2 1/2
Demand.....	1s. 2 1/2	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai.....	104 1/2	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore.....	53	53
T.T. Japan.....	100 1/4	100 1/4
T.T. India.....	82	82
T.T. U.S.A.....	31	31
T.T. Manila.....	62 1/2	62 1/2
T.T. Batavia.....	55 1/2	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok.....	149 1/2	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon.....	95 1/2	95 1/2
T.T. France.....	95 1/2	95 1/2
T.T. Germany.....	76 1/2	76 1/2
T.T. Switzerland.....	133 1/2	133 1/2
T.T. Australia.....	1/0 1/2	1/0 1/2

CAUGHT WITH DUTIABLE LIQUOR

Fine of \$30 with the alternative of a month's imprisonment was imposed on Li Man, 50, widow, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for possession of dutiable liquor.

SPORT ADVTS.

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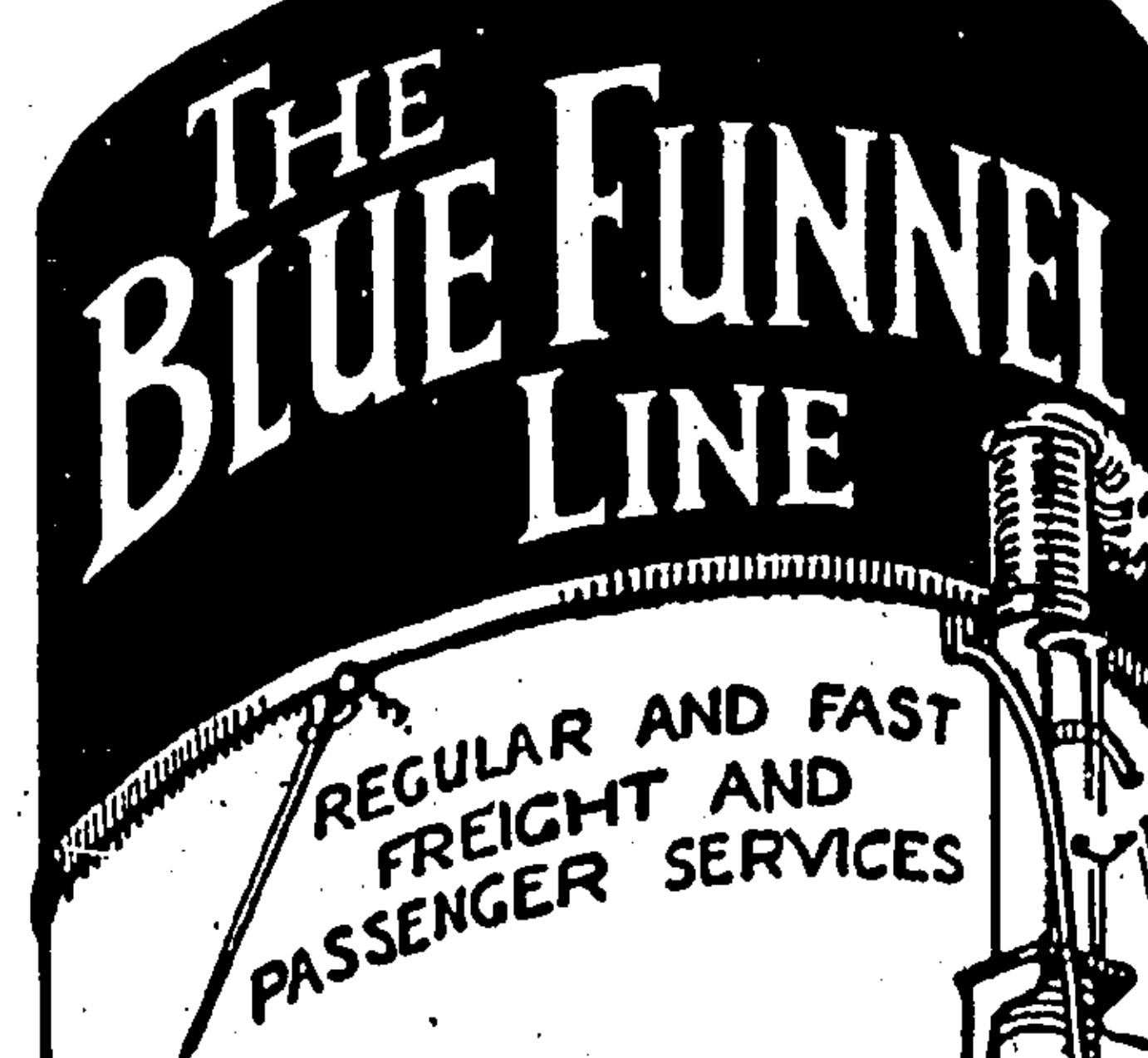
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Chapter One

The bells were all ringing. Beautiful serenades were being played on the balcony rails. The great cannon atop the tower was booming. It was the day of days in Madrid. Long and intense morning in 1808. Never had the crowding of a new king been the signal for greater jubilation. Ferdinand and the Seventh was a friend of the people, and was to bring Spain to greater glory than ever before. He was to rescue the land from the menacing shadow of Napoleon, across the Pyrenees, and to end the late vicious cycle of political corruption.

Riding at the head of a festive martial procession, his dress uniform brilliant in scarlet and gold braid, the new monarch bowed to the plaudits of the throngs. His horse stopped suddenly for a moment to the street to the other, to avoid treading on outstretched arms and feet. Meantime Ferdinand's sharp Bourbon eyes took in the smiling maidens who threw their way with freshly plucked bouquets. He was only twenty-four, and that interested him more, perhaps, than anything else.

The dancing and merry-making continued, in unceasing volume, long after the king had retired to the private domain of the palace. There were masks, improvised floats, and the emptying of barrels after barrel of wine. As dusk crept over the joyous city, torchlight processions were organized.

Every restaurant in the city was brimming with laughter, music and toasts to Ferdinand. In one cafe, especially, was the celebration at its height. Here, in a low-ceilinged room, with great tables on which were piled high food and bottles of wine, danced Nina. A young girl, throughout the country as "The



Nina took Don Diego's face in her hands.

Firefly." Ravishingly beautiful, her dance was spirited, sophisticated, sensuous.

The eyes of the entire audience, mostly men, were fastened on the Firefly. Spaniards made up the great majority of those present; here and there, one saw a sprinkling of uniformed French officers. The one man in the cafe not entranced by Nina's dancing was one of these Frenchmen. Sitting alone at a small table near a doorway, he stared inwardly as Nina smiled at those around her.

Mad applause greeted the conclusion of the dance. And cheering most enthusiastically was Don Diego, a handsome young Spaniard who sat near the dance floor. As she passed him, he caught her arm in the corridor, Nina flashed the Spaniard a warm glance of appreciation.

Elisienne could stand no more. Glowering furiously, he slammed his glass to the table, spilling its contents. Quickly he preceded Nina into the corridor. As she entered the hallway he grabbed her arm. He demanded the name of the man who was more attractive to Nina than he. In laughing remonstrance, she turned her back and walked away.

In her dressing room, Lola, Nina's faithful maid, who had watched the proceedings, was anxious. Despite her own anxiety, however, Nina assured her she would take care of the situation.

"It would be awful if anything happened to the Marquis," Lola said.

"Don't worry. Nothing will happen to him," Nina promised.

Throwing aside all thoughts of Elisienne's jealousy, Nina thought her exultant shout, lifted her fan high and started forth for her next song as the music struck up again. The audience went wild at her reappearance.

While she sang, she walked between the tables, flirting deliberately and indiscriminately with the men. As she approached the table where Don Diego sat, he suddenly stretched out his hand and took her in it, pulling her around to face him. His features relaxed in a boyish grin.

Nina started to pull her hand away when, for the first time, she looked closely at him. A thought came to her mind. Here was a good-looking young man, one whom Elisienne might imagine to be his successor. Here was a chance to throw the Frenchman off the trail.

With a quick glance to assure herself that Elisienne was watching, she started to sing solely to the Spaniard, concentrating all her charm upon him. From the corner of her eye she saw Elisienne stiffen. Nina was beginning to enjoy this, and so was the audience, sensing a new romance blossoming before their eyes.

As Nina's song came to a finish,

Don Diego jumped up, unable to restrain his enthusiasm. He quickly lifted Nina onto one of the big tables, himself standing on the long bench beside her. Nina was delighted at the manner in which Don Diego was making himself conspicuous. Their heads were almost on a level above the rest of the crowd. And now, to put a crowning touch to the impression she wanted to convey to Elisienne, Nina took Don Diego's face in her hands. Deliberately, she gave him a passionate kiss, full on the lips.

The crowd cheered and laughed with delight. Elisienne was by now wild with rage. Impetuously, he started to make his way toward Nina, but the waiter stopped him, thrusting his bill under his nose. Elisienne furiously tore it to bits.

While Nina, laughing, lightly jumped down from the table and ran from the room, Don Diego reached over and took a further free of the hands of one of the musicians. Full of joy, he started to sing a Spanish love song.

Nina paused for a moment, planning back toward the young Spaniard. Elisienne in the meantime walked quickly over to another table where sat two French officers. He whispered to them, and the three stood up and walked out together.

Having finished his song, Don Diego, preceded by an obsequious waiter, proceeded toward the doorway leading toward the corridor. Silently the waiter indicated the dressing room beyond. Within, Lola motioned Nina to the window. "Come here," she whispered, "come here and look."

From where they stood they could see Elisienne, with his comrades, on the street just outside the cafe.

"He's waiting," Lola said.

Nina thought for a moment. Then, "Pull the curtains," she ordered. "Now go and get that Spanish 'But senorita,' Lola protested.

BOOKS—edited by ROGER PIPPETT

He Looked for UTOPIA..

EUGENE LYONS, American newspaperman, was assigned to Utopia in 1928. In other words, he was sent to Moscow by United Press as its correspondent. He worked there until 1934.

Assignment in Utopia (Harvard, 15s.) tells the story of those six years.

Many anti-Soviet books have been written by anti-Socialists. They could be piled mountain high, and their shade would chill no Socialist. For such authors hate the Soviet Union because of fear that it is or is becoming a Socialist country.

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EUGENE LYONS found a "trapped nation"

DOUBTS

For it is written by a man who has come to feel, in deep emotional stress, that what exists in the Soviet Union is not Socialism, and who judges that its chance of ever becoming so grows less.

Lyons grew up in grim poverty on New York's East Side. From his boyhood he was a Socialist.

He was among the first to leap to the long defence of Sacco and Vanzetti, whose biographer he became. He edited "Soviet Russia Pictorial" from 1924 till 1928 he worked for Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

Almost from the moment of his arrival in Moscow doubt crept in. It was not the poverty, though that was pretty bad.

REALITIES

It was the Terror, the tied Press, the secret police, the sudden disappearances after they had called, the cramped jails, Siberia and the Far North, forced labour, the "liquidation" of the Kulaks.

It was the Kremlin's disregard for human life and human values, the gruesome abject "trials," the screaming sadism of organized clamour for the blood of old Communists, the absence of one single free voice in all Russia.

It was the slower intellectual discovery that nationalisation without democracy is but a new power in the hands of the dictators—that a dictatorship, however

immense its economic achievements, is still a dictatorship.

At first, as so many would, he put his doubts aside. But they crept crowding back at each new outrage upon Socialism, "the eternal dream of equality and justice." Then the dull, irresistible pain and final agony of disillusionment.

Then the feeling that still one must not "tell" because that played into Fascist hands—a feeling conquered at last by the conviction that it was Stalin himself who played into Fascist hands by using Fascist methods, and that Socialists, by remaining silent, only made matters worse for the free Socialist Movement.

And at last this: "I had gone to Russia believing there were good dictatorships and bad. I left convinced that defending one dictatorship is, in fact, defending the principle of tyranny."

No Complaints Against Ruth

If anyone has a case for misrepresentation in fiction, it is the schoolmistress, who is usually staged as a frumpish, bespectacled, sex-starved, bullying little despot, the wicked fairy of the old pantomimes with a pointer for a wand.

The three teachers that I happen to know personally are still bursting with vitality after years of class-room routine. They are even more bored than I am at seeing themselves in novels' distorting mirrors—and they will be relieved to read Ruth Adam's new tale, *I'm Not Complaining* (Chapman and Hall, 7s. 6d.).

For this is everyday existence as the stuff of a school in a northern industrial town knows it. Busy, believable mistresses. Lanky children, with "extraordinarily sure voices." Agitated and argumentative parents. Inquisitive inspectors. Work. Love. Living.

Likes and Dislikes

And, beyond their little island of order and quietness, "where the three hundred voices hum with the steady monotony of bees in a hive, is the maze of mean streets and dark yards swarming up to the green-painted fence like the jungle round an outpost of civilisation."

While I read, I lived on that island. I liked some of the people there. And I hated some of them, especially that handsome, arm-twisting policeman. Now and then the pace gets a little too hot and the air too feverish. But I dare say, schools seem like that occasionally to the teachers.

Anyway, Miss Adam has thrown those distorting mirrors away and been content to parade her islanders as they are without pretentiousness. Which leaves her easily top of her class.

HAVING had our fling at those sturdy Aunt Sallies, the Victorians, we are, I gather, beginning to appreciate their good points. Indeed, *Laurel*, the sixty-year-old heroine of Gerald Bullett's latest novel, *The Bending Stick* (Dent, 7s. 6d.) is brighter and younger than any of your Bright Young Things.

A vicar's daughter, she amused

and excited herself as a girl by writing a romance called *Cynthia Carstairs*; or *The Rainbow Woeing*, which featured, (she would easily forgive the word) a certain ineffable Lord Roger.

Then marriage came to her. And unhappiness. She grew wiser with the years, was widowed, married again and found happiness with her second husband. Thereafter she never lost sight of her first. She was a grandmother. There was so much to see and do and learn.

And then a publisher discovered her forgotten book and decided to revive it and expose it to "the affectionate derision of the nineteenth-century." "A perfect period piece," the critics would say. "A miracle of ingenious absurdity."

"My beautiful Lord Roger," she said. "How they'll laugh at me! What fun it will be!"

The Bending Stick is what used to be known as a Pastoral Novel. And, nowadays, most pastoral novels pass most of us by. But Mr. Bullett has the touch. His story rises like an arch in some old, weather-beaten farm which has seen hundreds of seasons come and go.

I hope it will survive a few seasons, too. R. P.

THRILLERS

PAUL McGUIRE, not much more than a beginner at this sort of thing, comes out top of the week's list of detective stories with *W.I.* (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.).

He provides a slyer mysteriously dead in a night club, a trail of breakings-in and killings—of a kind and a quality 'satisfactory' Flying Squad chase and round-up.

But mainly you'll like meeting police who know about police work, crooks who seem credible and even lovers who are neither bores nor simpletons.

Lynn Brock, reappearing at last, also still knows how to write. *The Silver Sickle Case* (Collins, 7s. 6d.), with queer goings on at yet another night club, runs close for second place. Lots of good detective, but a trifle too much of a tangle at the end.

As long as the Shaws and Barbusses condoned political murder and mass exile and the crushing of human decency in one place and for one cause, they were supporting those methods in all places and for all causes.

"Socialism emptied of its humanitarian impulses... advances no argument which Fascism cannot duplicate."

"Already it has brought the idea of Socialism into disrepute by tinging off all its associations with the accumulated treasures of human freedom."

TRUTHS

"Those who defend such a Socialism are essentially reactionary. If the certainty of a full belly is to be made the only goal of Socialism (and Russia or any other country may attain that goal in time) then the inmates of Sing Sing are already living under Socialism."

"I had the sense of leaving behind me a nation trapped. The fact that these things had come to pass under the banner of 'Socialism' only made them more ghastly. The word Socialism, the eternal dream of equality and justice, was also trapped."

Read this book if you love Socialism—for it is a great book, written with unquenched idealism as its driving power, and with life as its raw material. I think it will make you feel how little can be learnt from library studies of institutions and constitutions, even when they are of the high academic quality of the Webbs' "Soviet Communism." R. F.

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JAPAN PROTEST AGAINST NON-CHINESE FLIERS

Resents Assistance Given To China

Peiping, Mar. 7. The Japanese sponsored Peiping Chronicle in reproducing Shanghai reports that Vincent Schmidt is heading foreign volunteers adds that it is understood the Japanese Government will lodge a protest, reserving claims for damage by foreign pilots.

In an editorial attacking foreign nations for permitting their nationals to serve in the Chinese air force, the paper says that it is illegal for Americans, British and French, while the Soviet violate international law, to commit an act of war involving their country. In Hankow, the American Embassy must be embarrassed by the sight of American citizens employed in active aerial warfare against a friendly power. It says that the German advisers in China are in a different category since they were employed prior to the outbreak of hostilities and after that they were not engaged in direct operations against Japan—United Press.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Antamok	Business Done
Atok	27
Banguet Consolidated	970
Coco Grove	58
Unag	58
Demonstration	58
I.X.L.	77
San Maricito	53
Suyco	19
United Pacific	34

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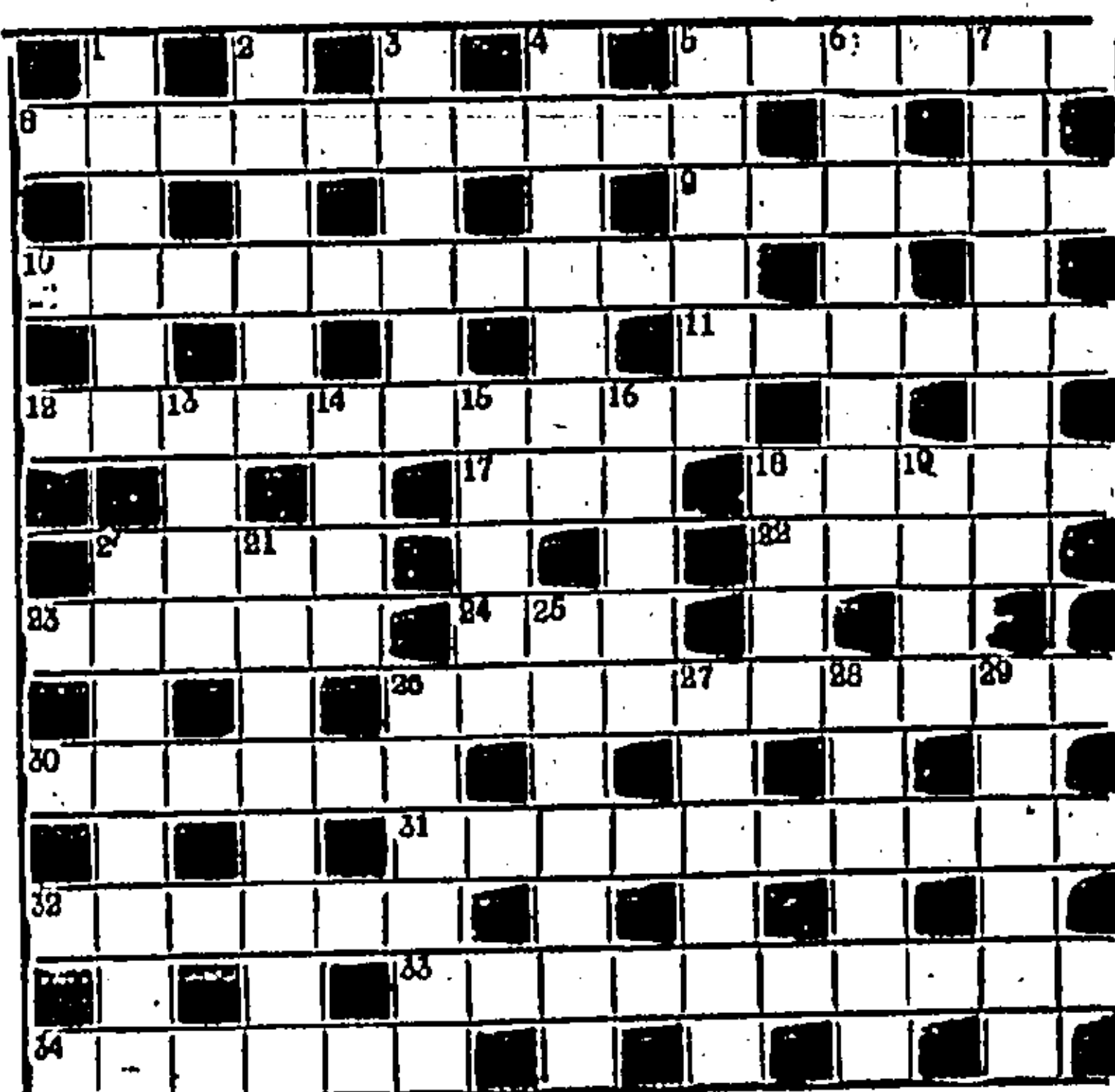
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ACROSS

- This scientist's end was no loss, apparently (6).
- "Never eat it" (anag.) (10).
- It is half laughable but may be poisonous to eat (6).
- In this kind of house one fares well at the second half (10).
- One of the U.S.A. (6).
- Favourable location for roundabout amusements (two words) (4).
- This fit is no less (3).
- A condition by no means singular in America (5).
- A game (4).
- Part of a peace demand, possibly (4).
- do this has a refreshing result (5).
- Less than half a million (3).
- To the unfortunate who is thus alone a time of misfortune must seem the last part (10).
- Do women's work also for: military occasion (8).
- Not in a hurry (10).
- No popular food for motorists (6).
- Forgotten (10).
- To go wrong in height brings strong emotion (6).

DOWN

- A foreign capital (6).
- If this is bad in steel is it liable to snap? (6).
- Communication that suggests the house-agent (6).
- Port breaks the back up in a very short time (7).
- Fed up with the finish, but still rusty (6).
- Much the same as 23 across (6).
- Flood (8).
- This has the end of 15 down on (4).
- Mostly not a high shine (4).
- A lost source of mineral wealth (5).
- What sounds like a reason for postponing the bull-fight is certainly high-minded (6).
- This fish is no gentleman when it loses its head (4).
- A tool (4).
- Part with final speed (8).
- An instructive speaker (8).
- Form of service (7).
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Delayed messages have been received from private sources by the Hongkong Telegraph telling of a furious attack by Japanese air-craft on Pakhoi some days ago.

Since this is the first intimation of any raid at this port in many weeks, and since Pakhoi has been beyond the war area during most of the period of hostilities, Hongkong authorities were most surprised to learn of the bombing.

The source of the report is unimpeachable, however, and although the information coming from the southern port is very limited it indicates that the raid was a severe one.

Japanese planes appeared on March 3, it is stated, and flew low over the city, firing into the streets with their machine-guns. They also dropped a number of bombs. It is inevitable, from the information available, that casualties were numerous.

BRITAIN PROTESTS OVER CODE CABLE BAN

Peiping's Orders To Chefoo

London, Mar. 8.
The British Consul at Chefoo has reported that the Chinese telegraph office, under instructions from the Peiping Provisional Government, is refusing to accept code telegrams. This was revealed by Mr. R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour in reply to a question put by Commander A. Marsden (Cons).

He added that a protest had been lodged and arrangements made for British commercial messages to be passed temporarily through other channels.

Mr. Butler, replying to another question said there had been no change in the British Government's friendly policy in China. The League Council's recent resolution in favour of all available help being accorded by League members to China was being considered, but he was not at present in a position to make a statement.—Reuter.

Seven Die In French Air Crash

New Delhi, Mar. 8.
A French aeroplane, flying between Paris and Indo-China, crashed shortly after leaving Allahabad to-day and was destroyed in flames. All aboard, including a crew of four and three passengers, were killed.—Reuter Bulletin.

LONDON STOCK MARKET IDLE

London, Mar. 7.
The London Stock Exchange was idle and prices were generally lower to-day apart from gilt-edged holdings and Far Eastern bonds, which hardened. An advance in Indian Irons relieved an otherwise dull market. Industrials and diamonds were flat, but oils showed some resistance. Commodities were featureless, and foreign exchanges and the franc eased on nervous offerings induced by uncertainty in connection with the Government's plans for financing rearmament.

American dollars were firmer with commercial buying.—Reuter Special.

DUTCH NICKEL FOR KRUPPS

Berlin, Mar. 8.
The Dutch Indies is going to ship between 1,000 and 1,500 tons of nickel ore, containing from three to five per cent. of nickel to Krupp, according to the newspaper *Metall Wirtschaft*.
A second consignment will follow in the middle of March, and Krupp will experiment with it to decide how much can be imported from this new source in the future.—Reuter.

ON TRIAL FOR LIFE, RUSSIAN DENIES PLOT TO KILL LENIN

Moscow, Mar. 8.

In the course of cross-examination during to-day's hearing of the new treason trial, M. Bukharin declared that the Trotskyite plotters had prepared to conclude a military alliance with Germany on the basis that they would rupture pacts of mutual alliance between the Soviet, France and Czechoslovakia.

M. Bukharin's self-defence continued to dominate the evening session. Although he admitted general responsibility on all counts of the indictment, he persistently denied that he plotted to kill Lenin, worked for a foreign intelligence service, or ordered members of his organisation to organise peasant insurrections.

M. Andrew Vynshinsky, Attorney-General, announced that a committee of medical experts would be called to testify that M. Maxim Gorky, M. Menzhinsky, former chief of the OGPU, and M. Kulbyshov, were poisoned by the three physician defendants under the instructions of members of the Bukharin bloc.

Madame Yakovleva, former Finance Commissar of Russia proper, and until her recent arrest, the only woman member of the Government, alleged that Bukharin in 1918 plotted to overthrow the Soviet and to kill Lenin, Stalin and Sverdlov.

M. Bukharin admitted that the 1918 plot embraced the arrest of these three men, but denied he intended to kill them. He said that Trotsky initiated the plan.—Reuter.

MURDER BY SLOW POISON

A group of medical experts testified that the Commissar of Secret Police, Nikolai Yezhov, was suffering from the effects of attempts to murder him by slow poison, when the treason trial was resumed to-day. They answered in the affirmative to M. Vynshinsky's question: "May it be said that the accused, Yagoda and Bulanov, used dangerous and effective means of poisoning against Yezhov, and may it be said that Yezhov's health was considerably damaged?"

They also replied affirmatively to the question: "If the criminals had not been discovered would his death have resulted?"
M. Vynshinsky read a letter from Dr. Belostotsky of the Kremlin, which inferentially accused the defendants Levin and Pletnev of contributing to Maxim Gorky's death, and which described the death room, saying that they had administered unusual quantities of drugs. The letter said that Levin ordered Belostotsky to make additional injections, after which he conferred with other doctors who disregarded Belostotsky's advice. The letter added that 10 minutes before Maxim Gorky died, Pletnev said: "Let a sick man die quietly. Why administer more medicine?"—United Press.

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JAPANESE HARD PRESSED

Honan Lines Cut By Chinese Heavy Losses Inflicted

Chengchow, Mar. 8.

Surrounded and constantly harassed by an overwhelming number of Chinese "Red Spears," guerillas and regular troops, the Japanese, remaining at various points along the Taokou-Ching-hua Railway, in north Honan, are reported to be panicky.

The recapture of Sinsiang, Wei-hwei, Taokou, Po Ai, Tsinhsien and Hwahsien severed the contact between the various Japanese units on the line.

Japanese military supplies near Sinsiang, it is said, are being transported back to Chengchow, their base of operations in north Honan, by the Peiping-Hankow Railway, for fear of their being seized by the Chinese.

Fighting is in progress at Chiaocho, the mining town, and Hochia, a town east.—Central News.

HEAVY LOSSES

Shan, Mar. 8.
Indicating the heavy casualties sustained by the Japanese troops during the present southward drive in Shanxi, 4,000 bodies of soldiers killed in action have been transported to Taiyuan from the front.—Central News.

PUCHOW'S CAPTURE CLAIMED

Peiping, Mar. 8.
The capture of Puchow in the south-west corner of Shanxi, and the terminus of the Taiyuan-Puchow railway, is claimed in official despatches, which state that Japanese troops entered yesterday afternoon. This gives the Japanese possession of the entire railway, but large areas on either side are still in Chinese hands and it is expected they will need considerable time and many men to "clean up."

Hochu, on the Yellow River in north-west Shanxi, it is claimed, was captured yesterday by the Kwantung Army in operations from Tai-tung, and Japanese artillery continues to pound the Chinese positions on the Lunghai railway from positions north of the Yellow River. The Kungfien and Szechui stations have suffered severely.

No Japanese attempt to cross the river in Honan has yet been made, but their artillery also bombarded all Chinese concentrations and boats on the river to prevent attempts to re-cross the river to attack, while the majority of Japanese forces are engaged in Shanxi.

The train service on the Peiping-Hankow railway line has again been disrupted by guerrilla troops who are now fighting the Japanese forces north of Chuchow. The last down-train which left two days ago, was attacked north of Taotung, when two Japanese passengers were killed. Travellers returning by road declare that large sections of the railway south of Shihchiachwang have been destroyed by guerrilla troops.—Reuter.

BOTH SIDES REPORT SUCCESSSES

Hankow, Mar. 8.
The Chinese press reports that Japanese troops have reached the south-western end of Shanxi, and started yesterday to bombard the Tungkuwan and Lunghai railway from across the Yellow River.

Chinese troops in Shanxi are all scattered beside the railway, but organised mobile units under General Yen Hsi-shan are still directing warfare in the south-western corner of Shanxi.

According to the local Chinese press, there was sanguinary fighting on February 5 at Linyl, 200 miles south-east of Tsinan, in which 800 Japanese troops were killed and three heavy guns, 14 armoured cars, 700 rifles and 300,000 rounds of ammunition were seized by Chinese troops. Severe fighting is going on in the Linyl area, casualties on both sides being severe. Between three and four thousands Chinese troops are holding Linyl.—United Press.

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London, March 8.
Haile Selassie, former Ethiopian Emperor, denied that he was prepared to discuss any agreement incompatible with his Abyssinian sovereignty.

The rumour was aroused by newspaper reports of his recent visit to Lord Halifax at the Foreign Office. It is reported that he will be reinstated to rule a small part of Abyssinia with the support of Italy.—Reuter Bulletin.

NEW OFFICE FOR CHIANG'S NOTED BIOGRAPHER

Shanghai, Mar. 8.
Mr. Hollington K. Tong, veteran newspaperman of Shanghai, has been formally appointed Director-General of the Publicity Department by the Central Executive Committee of the National Government.

Mr. Tong is a former director of the China Press, Shanghai, and author of the well-known biography of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

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